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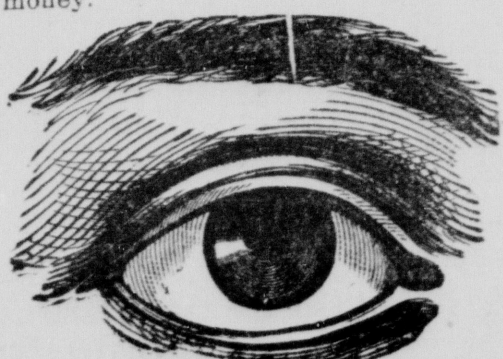
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—Daniel Delaney is ill.

—J. W. Barrett is a visitor from Compton.

—C. F. Furley went to Chicago this morning.

—A. G. Judd went to Freeport on a morning train.

—Prof. Moulton's lecture at Baptist church tonight.

—Luby, Simmons' hardware salesman was here today.

—Att'y J. E. Lewis and son Paul are up from Amboy.

—Horace Street, jr., left this morning for Mississippi.

—J. W. Kent drove to Franklin Grove today with N. Pitzele.

—William McBride came home to attend the funeral of Harry Dimick.

—The Rock River Medical Association is in session this afternoon in the City council rooms.

—Miss Mary Brown of Franklin Grove is visiting with Miss Carpenter on Crawford avenue.

—Dr. Henry of Harmon is in town in attendance at the Rock River Medical Association this afternoon.

—The Tacoma Club will hold their dancing party this week Friday night in C. J. Rosbrook's new building.

—Capt. A. A. Augur and Lieut. A. C. Ducat are both now stationed at Fort Douglas, near Salt Lake City, Utah.

—In consequence of a very ill patient at the hospital it is necessary to defer the visiting day tomorrow; so that parties will please not call.

—Mr. and Mrs. Trudell will entertain the friends invited for Thursday evening, in Rosbrook's new hall, instead of at the Dixon Club rooms.

—Charles Stoltz, aged seventy-four, died Monday afternoon on the Seabolt farm near Nelson. The funeral services were held this afternoon at the house and burial at Nelson.

—The Women's Home and Foreign Missionary society of the Lutheran church will meet with Mrs. L. Stephan on Depot avenue on Thursday evening at half past two o'clock. All ladies are invited.

—The Young Men's Catholic Temperance Society entertained a large number of their friends last evening in their hall in the Appleford building with a dancing party. Newman's orchestra furnished music.

—Prof. R. G. Moulton will give the third of the lectures in the University Extension course this evening at 8:30 o'clock in the Baptist church. The subject to be considered is King Lear, a study of a moral problem.

—Dr. F. Franks, scientific optician, whose work in Dixon the past three years challenges competition, is now at Hotel Bishop, where for a few days he will be pleased to meet old friends and new ones; any in fact whose eyes in any way need attention.

—There was a young brakeman severely injured at Harmon the other day while in the act of coupling cars on an extra. His elbow was caught between the bumpers and severely jammed. His wound was dressed and he was sent home to Pawpaw on the regular freight.

—The managers of the Chicago store will make known their corps of workers in about ten days, and give the places assigned them. Martin Rosenthal, the window trimmer, and H. Rosenthal, the head assistant in the clothing department, arrived from Chicago this morning.

—The election of President of the United States is quite a formal sort of an affair, with its three acts and change of scenes after each play. However we notice by our dispatches that Mr. McKinley was finally and fairly elected by the closing count and endorsement of congress today; the colored congressman from South Carolina not putting in any delaying protest as to the vote of his state.

—John Wesley Cooper, the champion flier of Sherman's army, is out with his nomination papers for the office of constable. Mr. Cooper is a veteran, having served his country well for four years in the war. If elected, Mr. Cooper will be no stranger to the office, having served twelve years as constable in Grand Detour before his removal to our city. His many friends are working for his election.

—At the Lutheran parsonage in this city by Rev. C. Fickinger, Albert W. Hartman of Nelson and Miss Ida P. Will of South Dixon were united in marriage. The wedding was a quiet one, witnessed only by Miss Nora Mossholder and W. J. Mossholder, relatives of the bride. The happy couple took the 11:54 train for Sterling. They intend making their permanent residence on the farm of Chas. Will in South Dixon.

LIFE WAS TOO HEAVY.

"Daughter of the Regiment" Dies by Her Own Hand. Mrs. Burnham, Daughter of the Late Colonel Wyman, Dies in Florida.

Not only the surviving members of the Old Thirteenth Illinois Volunteers, but many personal friends in this vicinity and at Amboy, the home of her childhood, will be saddened to learn of the death of Mrs. Lucie Burnham, by her own hand, in her room at the Commercial Hotel, Jacksonville, Florida, on Monday night, as we glean from a dispatch to this morning's Inter-Ocean, to which journal the deceased had for many years been a contributor.

As she did not come down to breakfast at the usual hour, a servant was sent to call her, and found her dead in her bed. An empty chloroform bottle stood near. Five letters to different persons were on the table; of which two were to her husband, Dr. N. S. Burnham at Palatka. A note "To whoever shall find this," was also there. It read:

"I intended going to Chicago in the morning, but I am growing ill, and it may be that I shall never awake. If anything does happen to me, please mail the letters on the table. They will explain much to the persons to whom they are addressed. Under my pillow is something like \$140. Use that for expenses. When Dr. Burnham comes he will pay anything else due. Ask some kind woman to dress me for the last time, in the clothes I have laid out. Someone I loved has admired me in them, and I will sleep the better that I am clothed in them. Notify Mrs. Mary H. Ford, 4740 Lake avenue, Chicago; John B. Wyman, Chadron, Neb.; Mrs. G. U. Abercrombie, Kendall Green, Mass.; Mrs. Ida Somarindyk, Elkhart, Ind., and the Inter-Ocean, Chicago. For the rest, pray for me, that I may be forgiven. The burden of life has grown too heavy for me to bear."

Mrs. Burnham, whose last affecting farewell of the comrades of the Thirteenth at their annual gathering will be remembered by all who were present, impressed her many friends, and all with whom she came in contact, as a broad-minded, polished, modest and sincere woman, somewhat normally dependent perhaps, but a woman of rare mental endowments and deep affectional nature. As a writer she was conscientious and capable, quick to notice excellence and never stooping to sycophancy. Possessed of an easy and unaffected style, her writings were always read with pleasure; and in private life, her acquaintance was valued not alone for the graces of a cultured mind, but for the finer qualities of the heart.

Prairieville Entertainment.

For the benefit of their church the people of Prairieville had a very pleasant time, being what they called a railroad social; and it was a very lively affair given by Mr. and Mrs. Van Royer, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Eatinger. They gave what they called an excursion to Chicago and about three score took the train; the round trip being only nine cents. The parlors were fitted up as Pullman cars, with colored porters and conductor in uniform. The sound of an engine outside hitching on was quite real, and the rattle of the train through the manipulation of an old corn sheller gave a real "thundering stage effect."

The ticket punching; station calls; pop corn and chewing gum boy, were realistic; and particularly so was the twenty minutes for lunch, the train waiting with unusual generosity for passengers to finish.

On arrival at Chicago they visited a museum, concert, etc., paying proper admission fee, ranging from one to five cents.

A pleasing feature of the entertainment was the orchestra composed of Mrs. Royer, Adrian Mason, Mrs. Rutt, Mr. Thummel, and Mr. Powers. A solo by Prof. Scott Crouch was on the program. Adrian Mason presided at the organ. Miss Anna Seidel played a march and four ladies appeared in masks and executed a performance which was thoroughly enjoyed. Adrian Mason next gave an exhibition of sleight of hand that brought down the house and he ended by singing an Irish song entitled "Raffling for a Stove." Mr. Wilson sang one of his excellent solos, playing his own accompaniment, and the program was ended with a solo by Mrs. Royer.

Shot in the Leg.

Two boys down near Harmon were fooling with a gun when it was accidentally discharged and a ball went crashing into the thigh of young Bymeister, aged about sixteen, living on the Benjamin farm three miles north of Harmon. Young Grobe, son of Chris., was holding the gun when it was discharged.

—W. A. Girton is here from Franklin Grove on business.

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FULL REPORTS SENT BROADCAST

Of All That Occurs Behind Closed Doors with Reporters Excluded—Senators Again Worried Thereover—More Proposed Amendments to the Arbitration Treaty—Morgan States Further Objections—Transactions in the House.

Washington, Feb. 10.—The most important developments concerning the consideration of the arbitration treaty by the senate in executive session yesterday were the offering of an amendment by Morgan providing for the abrogation of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, and the speech by the same senator in favor of this proposition. Morgan declared that the conditions which called forth the Clayton-Bulwer treaty had long passed away. It was no longer binding on either nation, nor was it of any use or value to this nation, though it might be of great importance to Great Britain in case the Nicaragua canal was constructed. With the treaty now under consideration he said that no doubt the question of the abrogation of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, in effect, would have to be submitted to arbitration. While the old treaty was obsolete and disregarded, yet it was still used as a menace and bugaboo to the United States whenever the construction of the Nicaragua canal was advocated. Great Britain, declared Senator Morgan, had violated the treaty and abrogated it by occupying a portion of the territory of Honduras.

Bacon Afraid of Bond Claims.

Great Britain would use the treaty of arbitration to her advantage, and the Clayton-Bulwer treaty would be used in the same way unless it was declared to be void. There was no better occasion for abrogating the Clayton-Bulwer treaty than by so providing in this arbitration treaty, said Morgan. Another important amendment was offered by Bacon of Georgia. It provides for a modification of article 8, so as to relieve the southern states from any obligations that might arise under the bonds issued in the reconstruction days. The amendment was the result of a conference among the southern senators who concluded that the article as it now stands might render it possible to make these bonds when held by subjects of Great Britain the object of arbitration. Bacon sought an opportunity to address the senate on the amendment, but was prevented by the fact that Morgan held the floor all day.

Some More Amendments Proposed.

A number of amendments have been prepared which will be offered in the course of the debate. Among them is one directing that all subjects of arbitration must first be submitted to the president and the senate before being sent to the tribunal provided for in the treaty. Another excepts from matters subject to the treaty the Alaskan boundary dispute; also any controversy as to the boundary line in the Straits of Fuca, which separate Vancouver Island from Washington state.

THOSE REPORTS OF THE SESSION.

Senators Again Bothered by the Enterprising Bimetallists.

The early part of the session was by no means devoid of interest. The first two hours were given to a discussion of the full reports of Monday's secret session, that were printed in the papers yesterday morning. Vest sprang this subject as soon as the confirmations were disposed of. The time was devoted to a senatorial discussion of the methods of the modern news-seeker which was more in the nature of fault-finding than of criticism of their accuracy. The reports were generally complimented for their accuracy, and most of the remarks were devoted to an effort to explain their appearance. Vest asserted that no one but a trained newspaper man could give the proceedings in such detail as sent out by the Associated Press, and contended that an expert must be employed somewhere in the chamber. He complained quite bitterly of the appearance of such reports as derogatory to the dignity of the senate. He was followed by Hale and Hoar in the same strain. Gallinger said that if as full reports as Monday's were to be given out it would be better to open the doors and invite the world to be present.

Teller suggested the wisdom in the absence of open sessions of allowing a few selected reporters to be present, saying that his experience with the profession was such as to convince him that they could be depended upon to deal fairly and honorably with the senate. Hill did not fail to take advantage of the opportunity to "point the moral," it being that his motion for open doors should have been adopted. He said it was claimed that the treaty was an unprecedented accomplishment in diplomacy. Even if this was true, he said, it was also true that the senate had taken an almost unprecedented step in making the treaty itself public. Why not extend the policy to the extent of having open discussion of it. He, however, refrained from renewing his motion to this effect.

THAT ST. LOUIS FINANCIAL PLANK.

Hill of Connecticut Considers It a Gold Standard Declaration.

Washington, Feb. 10.—The interest in congress in the question of an international monetary conference was shown yesterday by the presence in the house committee on coinage of many members to listen to the discussion of the resolutions before the committee. Several members of the committee on banking and currency took part in the debate. The first speaker was Representative Hill, of Connecticut, Republican, who spoke from a political standpoint, bitterly denouncing the senate for attempting to lay a trap to ensnare the Republican party. It was an attempt, he said, to bring about the things which the Republican party voted down at the last election—the free coinage of silver and a double standard of value.

"My understanding of the St. Louis platform," Hill continued, "is that it pledged the party first to the maintenance of the gold standard and that all other pledges are subsidiary." This was in answer to a question from Hart-

man as to whether the platform had not meant the gold standard while endeavoring to deceive voters into the understanding that it meant bimetallism.

Brewster of New York remarked that the bill was a trap by the enemy to put the next president "in a hole." Fairchild of New York said that he understood the senate bill had been drafted by Senator Wolcott after conference with McKinley. "Let Mr. McKinley give his opinion in his inaugural message," said Brewster. The committee then adjourned.

ARMOR PLATE REPORT READY.

Government Plant Favored if Makers Will Not Accept \$400 a Ton.

Washington, Feb. 10.—The senate committee on naval affairs has reached a conclusion on the report to be made as a result of its inquiry on the subject of armor plate. The committee will recommend that the secretary of the navy shall not be authorized to pay more than \$400 per ton for armor and that an appropriation of \$1,500,000 be made to be used in the establishment of a plant in case the manufacturers refuse to accept this price. The sum is fixed as the maximum that can be paid, and the opinion is expressed by the committee that the price properly could be made lower. Still, out of deference to the secretary and in order not to do injustice, \$400 is accepted as the proper figure.

The appropriation for the establishment of a plant is made purely conditional upon the non-acceptance by existing manufacturers of the price fixed, and the opinion is expressed that the appropriation will be sufficient for the purpose. The report prepared by Senator Chandler was amended in some particulars and as amended will be presented to the senate within a day or two.

TWO TARIFF BILL SNAGS.

Steel Billet and Lumber Men Put in Some Objections.

Washington, Feb. 10.—The question of duties on steel billets and bars and similar forms of steel proved a stumbling block yesterday to the Republican members of the ways and means committee who are framing the new tariff bill. The Iron and Steel association has asked for increased duties on these articles, but the committee is not satisfied that any increase is desirable. They discussed the subject and came to no conclusion, desiring to have more information before they act. A subcommittee will investigate before the next meeting, when the rates probably will be fixed.

Washington, Feb. 10.—The ways and means committee Republicans have been interviewed during the past two days by a delegation of Michigan lumbermen who are opposed to the duty of \$2 which will be placed on white pine in the new tariff bill. The Michigan men have purchased stumpage privileges in Canada, and are opposed to the increase of duties on white pine and fear that the Canadian government will retaliate by the imposition of higher crown taxes on their Canadian property.

Ticket Brokers Didn't Appear.

Washington, Feb. 10.—The house committee on interstate and foreign commerce held a session yesterday for the purpose of hearing ticket brokers in opposition to the pending bill prohibiting ticket brokerage. No one appeared, however, and the chairman read a letter from George M. McKenzie, of the American Ticket Brokers' association, saying that as the bill had been reported to the house with a favorable recommendation it is beyond the jurisdiction of the committee.

Congressional Summary.

Washington, Feb. 10.—The senate yesterday spent nearly the whole day in secret session on the Anglo-American arbitration treaty. But little business of a general character was done, and that of no importance.

In the house the immigration bill as revised in conference was passed—217 to 23—and two pension vetoes overridden. Both these were for war widows who had remarried, one being for the widow of John H. Patton, an Illinois soldier.

Funeral of George W. Shanklin.

Washington, Feb. 10.—The funeral of George W. Shanklin, for many years editor of the Evansville (Ind.) Courier, who died Saturday, took place yesterday at the residence of Justice Harlan. Rev. Dr. Radcliffe officiating. Final obsequies will be at Evansville, Ind. The pall-bearers were Senator Turpie, Justice Brewer, General J. W. Foster, Representative Hemenway, O. O. Stealey and J. W. Allison.

President and Wife Dined.

Washington, Feb. 10.—Postmaster General and Mrs. Wilson gave a dinner last night in honor of President and Mrs. Cleveland. The guests were the president and Mrs. Cleveland, the vice president and Mrs. Stevenson, and the cabinet members and their ladies.

All the Electoral Votes Are In.

Washington, Feb. 10.—The electoral votes of all the states have been received, that of Montana, the last to be received, arriving yesterday.

Talmage Approves That Bill.

Indianapolis, Feb. 10.—Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage was in the city yesterday. When asked for an expression on the Bradley Martin bill Dr. Talmage said: "My general theory is that it is well to give to the poor and the needy. There are two ways to do it—one directly and the other by scattering the wealth. I think that when an entertainment that will scatter \$100,000 is given the man who cannot see that \$90,000 of it will reach the poor needs a new pair of spectacles. I am in favor of these great entertainments. I am not talking now from a moral standpoint."

Uncle Sam Will See About This.

Beatrice, Neb., Feb. 10.—The organization of an army of American volunteers in aid of the Cuban republic has been completed, so far as the enrolling of 15,000 men is concerned, and the obtaining of the requisite supplies is advancing rapidly. The plan of General L. W. Colby is to safely land on Cuban soil an American volunteer legion of not less than 15,000 able-bodied men, of which 10,000 will be infantry, 4,000 cavalry, and 1,000 artillery.

Ex-Editor Killed on the Rail.

Newark, O., Feb. 10.—A. B. Clark, for many years editor of the Daily American, of this city, was killed yesterday on the railroad. He was 72 years old and had retired from newspaper work three years ago.

REBELS AT HOME

Where Weyler Can Find Them in Pinar del Rio,

PROVIDED THEY WAIT FOR HIM.

Five Thousand Well Armed and Comfortable in the "Pacified" District, Besides a Force That Has Mysteriously Disappeared with the Alleged Purpose of Surprising the Captain General—Specimen of Work Done by the "Pacified."

Havana, via Key West, Feb. 10.—[Copyright 1897 by the Associated Press.]

The various reports and statements of Captain General Weyler announcing the pacification of the province of Pinar del Rio and the almost complete disappearance of the insurgents in that part of the island are far from being borne out by facts. As intimated in these dispatches when the Spanish commander made the remarks cited, if Pinar del Rio was as quiet as he alleged it to be what has become of the arms, horses, ammunition and stores, etc., of the 7,000 men whom he admitted were under arms there? As a matter of fact the insurgent forces in Pinar del Rio seem better off, more thoroughly equipped and disciplined than at any previous stage of the campaign. In support of this assertion the following statements have been gathered from the most reliable sources:

Where Weyler Can Find Rebels, Perhaps.

In the neighborhood of Catalina and Las Cuevas are the insurgent leaders Varona Rivero and Luis Perez, with 1,200 men, well armed and having plenty of ammunition, though poorly clad. In the zone of Jaucia and Mula is the insurgent leader Lazo with some 600 men. Lazo is wounded in both arms. In the districts of Bayas, Rio del Medio, Mangnacos, Pena Blanca and Pan de Azucar are various groups of insurgents with a total of over 500 men under Vidal Ducasi. At the heights of Cobernadora and the Sierra del Rosario the insurgents are under the command of Brigadier General Rios Rivero and the leaders Jose Manuel Barrio and Perico Delgado. They consist of infantry and some cavalry estimated to number about 800 men. At Loma heights, Bayate and Las Mangas are other forces of insurgents.

Intimation of a Surprise for Weyler.

These forces alone, those of the known leaders of the forces in the field, are estimated to number about 5,000 men and yet the captain general claims that Pinar del Rio is "pacified." In addition to these forces is a strong body of insurgents which seems to have mysteriously disappeared from the neighborhood of Havana. The whereabouts of this force is attracting much attention and is known to be causing the Spanish staff considerable anxiety. The friends of the insurgents intimate that a big surprise is being prepared for Captain General Weyler when he tries to return to Havana.

WORK THE REBELS ARE DOING.

Which Does Not Look as Though There Was Perfect Peace.

On Feb. 1 the insurgents destroyed with dynamite a culvert situated at a point about 115 kilometres from here, between Taco Taco and Bacanagua, Pinar del Rio. At the moment of the explosion an exploring train from Vuelta Abajo was passing over the culvert and the engine fell through. The culvert was totally destroyed and one passenger on the train was killed. The engineer, two firemen, a captain of the artillery volunteers and five soldiers of the battalion of Asturias were seriously wounded; two of them have since died of the injuries thus received. In addition eight soldiers were slightly wounded.

General Weyler from Las Cruces marched to Villa Clara, capital of the province of Santa Clara, and it was reported from Villa Clara that he will push on to Placetas and Remedios. Advertis from Remedios say that General Maximo Gomez has moved from the district of Sancti Spiritus to La Siguanea, which caused rumors to be circulated of a probable conference between the generals and eventually the conclusion of peace. But these reports have since been denied from insurgent sources. All the rumors published about prominent home rulers and former leaders of the ten years' war being engaged in treating for peace are entirely without foundation, and are only inspired by the Diario de la Marina and perhaps reproduced by some of the correspondents here.

General Gonzalez Munoz is upon the point of returning to Spain on leave of absence. His example is to be followed by Generals Basana, Bernal, Pin, Figueroa and Losas in March. Those officers, the friends of the insurgents claim, see absolutely no chance of glory in Cuba and considerable danger of disgrace, to say nothing of disease and wounds. Consequently, their enemies add, seeing that the insurgents must eventually triumph by the machete or otherwise, they are adopting the policy of rats when the latter become aware that the ship which harbors them is upon the point of sinking.

The insurgents on Monday fired upon a Matanzas train near Campo Florida, wounding a Spanish major and two passengers. As this dispatch is sent it has become known that some of the most prominent of the home rule leaders here, after consulting together over the reforms projected for Cuba, succeeded in sending a cable message to the Madrid government requesting the latter to considerably and radically amplify the reform scheme, adding that under its present form there is absolutely no chance of its meeting the wishes of the insurgent leaders and bringing about the pacification of Cuba.

Fire at New London.

New London, Wis., Feb. 10.—Fire broke out in the finishing room of the Bentwood company, completely destroying the same, together with most of its contents. The loss on stock is about \$10,000, covered by an insurance of \$5,000. The loss on the building, which was leased, was about \$2,000, on which there was an insurance of \$1,000.

Riot Among Striking Miners.

Bellevue, Pa., Feb. 10.—A riot occurred among the striking miners at J. H. Somers' Fuel company mines, in which Superintendent William Bates and Boss Hauler Charles Cannahan were shot, and probably fatally wounded.

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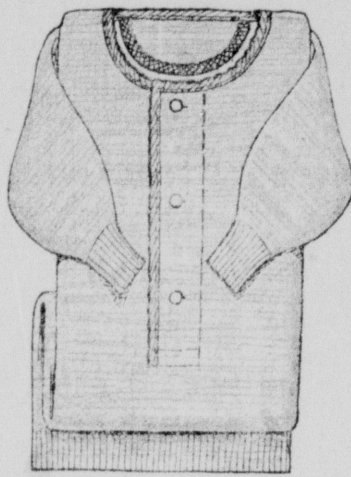
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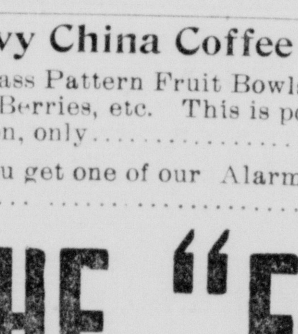
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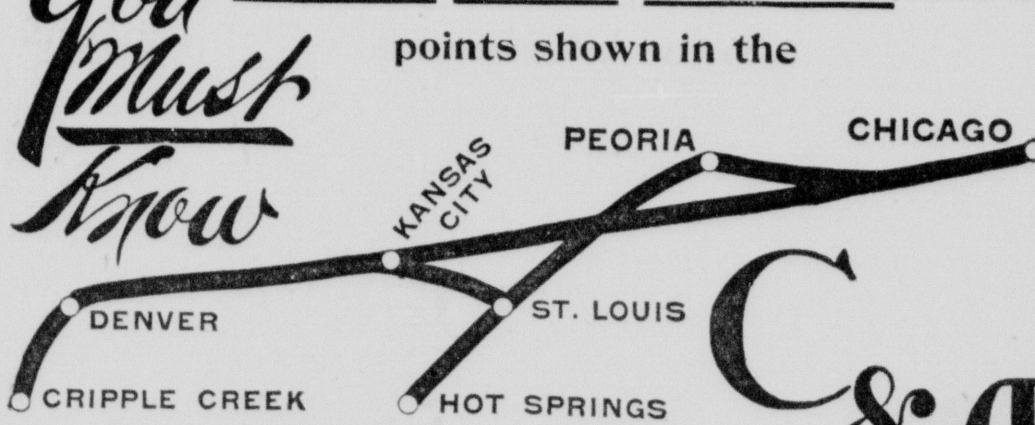
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LEGISLATION FOR WISCONSIN.

Continues To Be Principally in the State of Introduction.

Madison, Wis., Feb. 10.—In the senate Woodworth introduced the general appropriation bill covering the expenses of the state institutions. Two other bills introduced: Require telephone companies to interchange messages, and provide for taxation of gas, electric and street railway companies. A bill regulating the employment of labor was introduced in the senate. The principal features of the bill, which is very elaborate, are: No person shall be intimidated or force prevented or seek to prevent a person from entering or continuing in the employment of any person or corporation; no person shall be discharged from his employment for political reasons; no child under 14 years of age shall be employed at any time in any factory, workshop or mercantile establishment.

Church has introduced in the house a bill providing for the state control of all organizations which drill with firearms, which would cover church cadet companies. Another bill is of considerable interest to the railroads. It re-arranges the tax so that railroads earning \$3,000 per mile shall pay 4 per cent.; those earning \$2,500 a mile, 3 1/2 per cent.; \$2,000 a mile, 3 per cent.; and \$1,500 and under a mile, 2 per cent. Webster has introduced a pure beer bill which is more sweeping than Rosenkrans' bill. It provides that beer made from any substitute for barley malt shall be marked "adulterated" in large letters, and any place where beer is sold must be placarded with the sign "Adulterated beer sold here."

Sweeting has introduced a memorial to congress, closing with the following resolution: "That the congress of the United States be requested to return to the state of Wisconsin, for presentation to the State Historical society, the statue of this eminent explorer [Marquette], to be placed in the building now in process of construction for that society, and that the delegation from Wisconsin be memorialized to ask said return by proper congressional enactment."

Mighty Hard to Hang This Brute.

Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 10.—The supreme court has overruled a motion to transfer the case of the millionaire double murderer, Arthur Duestrow, to the court in banc. Attorney Noland, of St. Louis, immediately made application to the court in banc for an order requiring the judge to transfer the case to the court in banc, and Chief Justice Barclay announced that the motion would be acted upon in a few days. Duestrow's attorneys announce that if this application is refused they will appeal to the supreme court of the United States.

Tough Chicago Gang Taken In.

Chicago, Feb. 10.—Eight men have been arrested by the East Chicago avenue police who comprise one of the boldest and most successful gangs of hold-up men which ever operated in Chicago. In the length of time it has worked without being disturbed it has eclipsed the famous "long and short" gang. The number of its robberies are greater and the proceeds will amount to quite a sum. The number of hold-ups has been eighteen, seventeen of which were saloons.

Suicide's Body Cannot Be Found.

Kaukauna, Wis., Feb. 10.—Mrs. Wolf, of Wrightstown, committed suicide about a week ago. Since then almost every known method has been used to recover her body from the river where it is supposed to be. Dynamite has been used freely for some distance below the bridge from which it is supposed she jumped. Yesterday the search was renewed with grappling hooks, quite a number helping in the work.

Meeting of Mutual Insurance Companies.

Springfield, Ills., Feb. 10.—The annual state meeting of the Illinois Association of Mutual Insurance Companies commenced here yesterday. Fifty delegates are in attendance. The secretary reports eighty-six companies enrolled throughout the state a large increase during the past year.

ABBREVIATED TELEGRAMS.

Obituary: At Galena, Ills., William H. Snyder, 83. At Downers Grove, Ills., John A. Richards, 94. At Keokuk, Ia., Eldridge Dwight Rand, 41. At Wilmington, Del., Justice Leonard Wales, 73. At Morning Sun, Ia., Jonathan Hunt, 76. At Ashton, Ia., Nicholas Boor, 41. At Shelbyville, Ind., David L. Lancaster, 67. At Hillsboro, Ills., Rev. William H. Corlew, 78. At Lancaster, Pa., Harry S. Dimmick, of Dixon, Ills., 38. At Lawrence, Ills., Dr. Samuel Clark, 69.

Formal demand will be made by the Cook county (Ills.) board on Samuel B. Chase, former recorder, for \$43,875.33, which the board claims he failed to turn over when he retired from his office last November. The matter will go to the courts, which will decide whether the county or county recorder must pay the expenses of this office when they are greater than the receipts.

Sneak thieves stole \$1,800 from the office of A. Boenert & Co., steamship agents, 92 La Salle street, Chicago.

The house committee on military affairs has decided to report favorably a bill to authorize the establishment of a branch home for disabled volunteers in Vermillion county, Ills.

Undertaker Fox, of Urbana, Ills., was about to prepare the body of a young woman for burial when he discovered that she was not dead. Physicians restored consciousness. It is believed she was poisoned and arrests are likely to follow.

At Ottumwa, Ia., fire in Fleming's shoe store and Pallister Bros' cigar factory caused a loss of \$15,000, lightly insured.

Articles of incorporation have been filed at Springfield, Ills., by the St. Louis and Salem Railway company, proposing to build a railroad from East St. Louis to Belleville, East St. Louis to Salem, Marion county, and East St. Louis to Edwardsville, Madison county, Ills.

Senator Harris's condition is reported considerably improved.

Miss Flo Woodbury, of Danville, Ills., has been selected as a delegate to the national meeting of the League of American Wheelmen. She is the first woman ever elected as a delegate to this assembly.

The calling of a convention of Sea Island cotton planters, to be held in Black-shear, Ga., on the 11th of this month, to demand a protective tariff against the admission of Egyptian cotton, is one of the political surprises of the day.

RAIL POOL BUSTS.

Strongest Trade Combine in the Country Is Dead.

STEEL RAILS DROP EIGHT DOLLARS

And Do It in Twenty-four Hours—Could Not Continue the Combine Because Business Was Too Slow—Collapse Supposed to Mean a Defiance to the Trade from Carnegie-Illinois Steel Company Precipitates the Catastrophe.

Chicago, Feb. 10.—Steel rails are being sold at the lowest price ever known in America, and the steel rail pool has collapsed. Eighteen dollars a ton was asked for rails in Chicago yesterday, and in Pittsburgh the rate was \$15.25 a ton. Monday the price in Chicago was \$26 and in Pittsburgh \$25. The sensational break of \$8 a ton within twenty-four hours is the result of a secret meeting of the rail pool, held in Pittsburgh Monday. All the members were present. No agreement could be reached, and President J. W. Gates, of the Illinois Steel company, hastily returned to Chicago and called a meeting of the directors of that company. As a result of their deliberations he notified H. C. Frick, chairman of the Carnegie Steel company, that the Illinois Steel company was unable to come to a conclusion, and had postponed action until after the annual election of officers, to be held today.

Down Went the Prices.

Two hours after the message reached Pittsburgh the prices quoted were being asked in Chicago. Rumors were current all day that the Carnegie company was offering anything at any price in Chicago, but owing to the fact that the Illinois Steel company was to hold its annual meeting today the rumors were classed as being made for stock jobbing purposes, and had little effect. It was not until the prices had been quoted by numerous eastern concerns that the trade really took cognizance of them. It was then announced that the Scranon Steel company had formally withdrawn from the pool and that prices were on a wide-open basis.

Carnegie Company's Defiance.

In the trade the dissolution of the pool is taken to mean that Carnegie & Co. in this way make it known that they can sell rails cheaper than anybody else, and that they will not henceforth be hampered by an agreement which is to their disadvantage.

STRONGEST POOL IN THE COUNTRY.

Maintained Steel Rails at \$28 a Ton for Many Years.

The steel rail pool was the longest-lived and most successful of the trade organization ever formed in this country. The organization included only the mills making standard sections, and not those rolling street-car and lighter rails, and presumably heavy forfeits were on deposit to prevent violations of the agreement. The eleven concerns popularly believed to be members of the pool were: The Carnegie Steel company, Pittsburgh; Scranon Steel company, Scranon; Pennsylvania Steel company, Steelton; Cambria Iron company, Johnstown; Lackawanna Iron and Steel Co., Philadelphia; Bethlehem Iron company, Bethlehem, Pa.; Maryland Steel company, Sparrows Point, Md.; Johnson Company, Lorain, O.; Cleveland Rolling Mill company, Cleveland; Union Iron and Steel company, Youngstown, O.; Illinois Steel company, Chicago. The basis of prices, which the pool maintained for many years was \$28 a ton at Pittsburgh, and \$29 at Chicago. A reduction of \$3 a ton was made at the beginning of the year to conform in a measure to the lower basis of prices brought about by the collapse of the billet pool. This did not bring the orders expected, and the trouble began. H. H. Porter, chairman of the Chicago and Eastern Illinois Railroad company, and former director of the Illinois Steel company, said last night that he had heard of the break-up of the pool, and presumed that it meant a general cut in prices of steel rails. John W. Gates, president of the Illinois Steel company, refused to admit that there was any trouble in the pool or to announce the policy of his company if such was the fact.

DOINGS OF ILLINOIS SOLONS.

Libel Law Repeal Bill Goes to Third Reading—Supreme Court Location.

Springfield, Feb. 10.—Reveill's bill repealing the libel law came up as a special order in the house yesterday, and after a short debate was advanced to the order of third reading. The house bill authorizing the governor to appoint a resident trustee for the state normal school at Charleston was read the third time in the senate and passed. The house and senate committees on judicial department and practice met together and discussed the bill providing for the consolidation of the supreme court at Springfield. Representatives of the State Bar association spoke in favor of the measure, while citizens from Mount Vernon and Ottawa spoke against it. After three hours' work the bill was reported back to the house with the recommendation that it pass.

Republican members of the senate held a conference last night for the purpose of getting an expression from the members in regard to the contested election case of Berry (Rep.) vs. Manifold (Dem.), from the Twenty-eighth district. It had been agreed among the Republican members of the senate committee that if twenty-six members of the senate were in favor of seating Berry they would do so. On an informal ballot twenty-three were cast in favor of seating Berry, with ten against and five absent and not voting. As it required twenty-six votes to seat him, unless Berry can get three more votes he will not be seated.

Attack on the Department Stores.

Quincy, Ills., Feb. 10.—The fourth annual convention of the Illinois Retail Grocers' and Merchants' association opened yesterday. Nearly 300 delegates were present. President George A. Scherer, of Peoria, gave his annual address. His attack upon department stores was applauded. He declared them worse than trusts, and said they should be reached and restricted by law.

Twelve Men Drop to Death.

London, Feb. 10.—Through the collapse of the scaffolding of a viaduct on a railroad in Cornwall twelve men fell a distance of 150 feet and were killed.

SUICIDE OF A CHICAGO WOMAN.

She Ends Her Troubles in a Hotel Room at Starke, Fla.

Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 10.—A special to The Citizen from Starke says: Mrs. N. S. Burnham, of Chicago, committed suicide in the Commercial hotel some time Monday night. An empty chloroform bottle stood near. Five letters addressed to different persons, were on the table. Two of them were for her husband, Dr. N. S. Burnham, at Palatka. A note "To Whoever Shall Find This" was also there. It read: "I intended going to Chicago in the morning, but I am growing ill and it may be that I shall never awake. If anything does happen to me please mail the letters on the table. They will explain much to the persons to whom they are addressed. Under my pillow is something like \$10. Use that for expenses. When Dr. Burnham comes he will pay everything else due."

"Ask some kind woman to dress me for the last time in the clothes I have laid out. Some one I love has admired me in them, and I will sleep the better that I am clothed in them. Notify Mrs. Mary H. Ford, 4740 Lake avenue, Chicago; John B. Wyman, Chadron, Neb.; Mrs. G. U. Abercrombie, Kendall Green, Mass.; Mrs. Ida Somarindych, Elkhart, Ind., and The Inter-Ocean, Chicago. For the rest, pray for me, that I may be forgiven. The burden of life has grown too heavy for me to bear."

Mrs. Burnham was for some time connected with the editorial department of the Chicago Inter-Ocean, having been art critic during the World's fair.

M'KINLEY WILL CO-OPERATE.

He Favors a New Department of Commerce and Industry.

Chicago, Feb. 10.—Ferdinand W. Peck, president of the newly-organized National Business Men's League, accompanied by Franklin H. Head, returned from the east yesterday, where they were in conference with senators and representatives at Washington. On their way back from the capital they stopped at McKinley's home. According to assurances conveyed to Peck and Head, there will be important special legislation at the next regular session of congress. A department to be known as the "department of commerce and industry" will be created if the plans of the association, supported by the promise of hearty co-operation by the president-elect, mature.

McKinley even volunteered to go a step farther. He suggested he would be in favor of a tariff commission which should be auxiliary to the department of commerce and industry, to which might be delegated all tariff issues and recommendations.

Mrs. Beecher Is "Falling Asleep."

Stamford, Conn., Feb. 10.—At a late hour last night information was received from the home of Rev. Samuel Scoville, the son-in-law of Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher, that the end is approaching so gradually that when it comes it will be as falling asleep.

The Cigarette Must Go.

Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 10.—Yesterday the senate passed a bill heretofore passed by the house prohibiting the sale of cigarettes or cigarette paper in this state or the giving away of a cigarette or cigarette paper.

All Quiet at Canea.

Canea, Feb. 10.—The town yesterday morning was quiet and some of the stores were open. Provisions were being brought in from the country. The Greek ironclad has now saluted the Turkish flag.

Earthquake in Mexico.

City of Mexico, Feb. 10.—A sharp shock of earthquake was experienced at 3 o'clock yesterday morning in the state of Vera Cruz in the direction of southwest to east.

The Weather That Sometimes Comes.

Washington, Feb. 10.—Following are the weather indications for twenty-four hours from 8 p. m. yesterday: For Indiana and Illinois—Threatening weather and light snow; southeasterly winds, becoming variable; colder in northern portions tonight. For Michigan and Wisconsin—Generally cloudy weather and snows with northeasterly winds; colder. For Iowa—Threatening weather and snow; colder; winds shifting to northerly.

THE MARKETS.

New York Financial.

New York, Feb. 9.
Money on call nominally at 15 1/2 per cent.; prime mercantile paper 4 1/4 per cent.; sterling exchange steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at 46 1/4 for demand and 44 1/4 for sixty days; posted rates 45 1/2 for demand and 43 1/2 for sixty days; commercial bills, 43 1/2.
Silver certificates, 67 1/2; no sales; bar silver, 64 1/2. Mexican dollars, 50 1/2.
United States government bonds easier; new 4s registered, 125 1/4; do. coupons, 124 1/4; 5s registered, 113 1/4; do. coupons, 113 1/4; 4s registered, 113 1/4; do. coupons, 112 1/4; 2s registered, 95 1/4; Pacific 6s of '98, 103 1/4.

Chicago Live Stock.

CHICAGO, Feb. 9.
Live Stock—Prices at the Union Stock yards today ranged as follows: Hogs—Estimated receipts for the day, 9,000; sales ranged at \$12.25 to \$13.50; pigs, \$10.00 to \$11.50; light, \$11.50 to \$13.00; mixed, \$12.00 to \$13.50; heavy packing and shipping lots.

Cattle—Estimated receipts for the day, 3,000; quotations ranged at \$5.00 to \$5.50 choice to extra shipping steers, \$4.50 to \$5.00 good to choice do., \$4.00 to \$4.50 fair to good, \$3.75 to \$4.15 common to medium do., \$3.50 to \$3.75 butchers' steers, \$3.25 to \$3.80 stockers, \$3.75 to \$4.25 feeders, \$3.00 to \$3.50 cows, \$2.50 to \$3.00 heifers, \$2.25 to \$2.75 bulls, oxen and stags, \$2.00 to \$2.50 Texas steers, and \$2.50 to \$3.00 veal calves.
Sheep and lambs—Estimated receipts for the day, 13,000; sales ranged at \$2.75 to \$3.00 western, \$2.25 to \$2.50 Texas, \$2.50 to \$3.00 natives and \$3.00 to \$3.25 lambs.

Chicago Grain and Produce.

CHICAGO, Feb. 9.
Following were the quotations on the Board of Trade today: Wheat—May, opened 75 1/4, closed 75 1/4; July, opened 72 1/4, closed 72 1/4; September, opened 70 1/4, closed 70 1/4. Corn—May, opened 24, closed 24 1/4; July, opened 25 1/4, closed 25 1/4; September, opened 23 1/4, closed 23 1/4. Oats—February, opened nominal, closed 15 1/4; May, opened 17 1/4, closed 17 1/4; July, opened 18, closed 18 1/4. Pork—May, opened \$7.70, closed \$7.80. Lard—February, opened nominal, closed \$7.75; May, opened \$8.50, closed \$8.50.

Produce Butter—Extra creamy, 20 1/4 per lb.; extra dairy, 17 1/2 per lb.; fresh packing stock, 8. Eggs—Fresh stock, 14 1/2 per doz. Poultry—Turkeys, 8 1/2 per lb.; chickens (hens), 6 1/2; roosters, 50; ducks, 9 1/2; geese, 6 1/2. Potatoes—Burbank, 22 1/2 per bu.; Hebrons, 22 1/2. Sweet Potatoes—Illinois, \$1.00 to \$1.50 per bbl. Honey—White clover, 12c per lb.; extracted, 50 1/2. Apples—Common to fancy, 7 1/2 to \$2.25 per bbl.

Milwaukee Grain.

MILWAUKEE, Feb. 9.
Wheat—No. 2 spring, 75c; No. 3 northern, 78 1/4c; May, 77 1/4c. Corn—No. 3, 19 1/2c; Oats—No. 2 white, 18 1/2c; Barley—No. 2, 31 1/2c; samples, 23 1/2c. Rye—No. 1, 37 1/2c.

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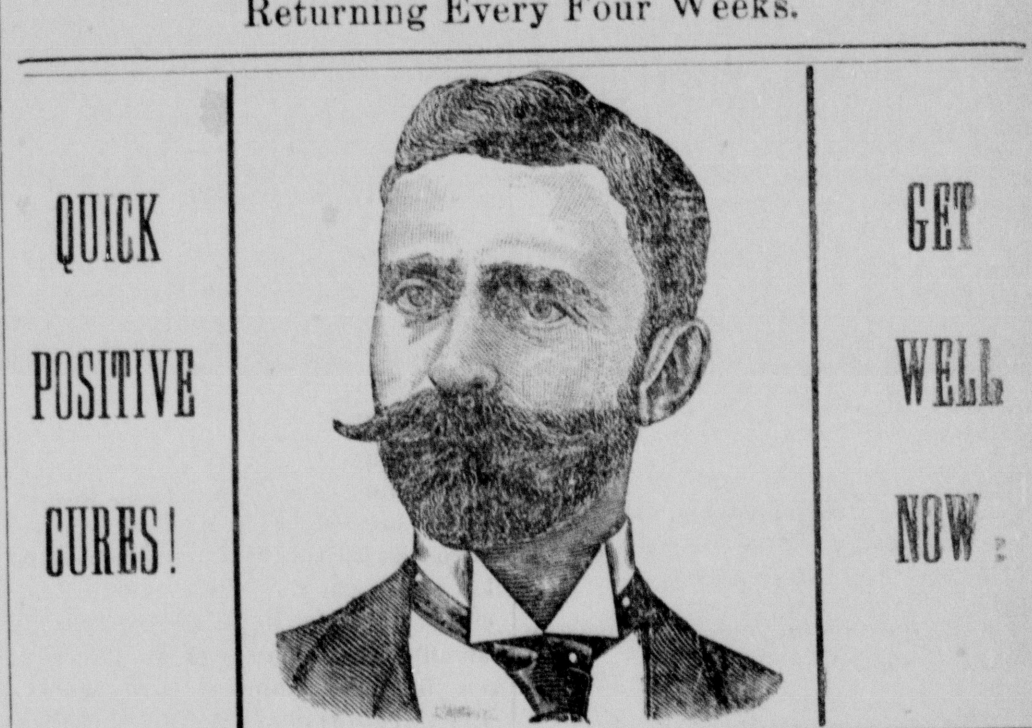
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NOTES ON THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSON.

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LESSON 7, FEB. 14, 1897. ACTS 5: 17-32.

THE PRISON OPENED.

V. 17. Why were the Sanhedrim angry? See vs. 14-16. What is indicated by the expression "rose up"? and why should the highest official in the Jewish nation be so undignified? See v. 28.

V. 18. The arrest, though ordered by the Council, was probably made by the temple guards or police, and the words suggest that more or less violence was used. The usual temple police were mostly Levites, though thirty priests were also detailed to cooperate; the number commonly on duty was, we are told, two hundred and seventy. How did Jesus characterize those who should imprison believers? Rev. 2: 10. How is it that Satan is said to be the author of the acts of wicked men? Acts 5: 2 and Jno. 13: 2.

V. 19. Describe the oriental prison or jail. Are angels still interested in men? Heb. 1: 14. The Lord does not forsake His followers, though imprisoned. How was it with the first prisoner mentioned in history? Gen. 39: 21. We know not by what means the angel "brought them forth"—but see II Pet. 2: 9.

V. 20. "Go, stand," etc. Words suggestive of firmness and boldness,—the very qualities for which the apostles had so earnestly prayed. Ch. 4: 29. What general direction had Jesus given His disciples if persecuted? Mat. 10: 23. Give two reasons why, in this case, the apostles should remain at Jerusalem. The priests, scribes and doctors of the law claimed the exclusive right to teach in the temple, yet the divine messenger bids the apostles "Go stand and speak in the temple," where opposition was certain—for two reasons, (1) the people gathered in the temple, and were accessible, (2) the multitudes knew of no other place to receive religious instruction. "The words of this Life"—not the present, physical life nor the future life, but the Spiritual Life—see John 6: 63 and 68 and John 17: 3. They were to speak all the words, etc.—see Acts 20: 26-27. Why did not the angel go and preach?

V. 21. In what part of the temple were they probably? See v. 12 and ch. 3: 11. The words "Council" and "all the Senate" may mean, not only the Sanhedrim of 70 (or 72) but also the two lesser councils of 23 members each one of the lesser being located near Solomon's porch, the other near the Beautiful Gate, while the great Sanhedrim usually met in the Hall Gazith, though later the place of meeting was in the city, without the temple.

Vs. 22, 23. How complete must have been the humiliation and discomfiture of this grand council assembled with all dignity to try the prisoners and when ready to open the trial, finding that they had no prisoners to try, but that the vigilant and watchful keepers were guarding an empty prison. The ludicrous situation suggests Psal. 2: 4.

V. 28. What "doctrine" had been preached? Ch. 4: 10-12 and 33. Were these the apostles' doctrines, or were they divine doctrines? What is the final test of doctrine? Ch. 5: 38-39.

V. 29. Which is the "higher law" human enactments, or the divine commands? Obedience to rightful authority is the principal thing—better even than sacrifice, I Sam. 15: 22.

V. 31. Jesus being a Prince, His laws and government should be promulgated; being a Saviour, His offers of Salvation should be published. Is repentance a gift? Acts 11: 18 and II Tim. 2: 25.

LESSONS AND REFLECTIONS.

1. The Gospel message will either soften the heart or harden it.

2. Where was the first prison mentioned in history and who was the first prisoner? Gen. 39: 20.

3. Some disciples were saved from prison, others saved in prison; some saved from persecution and affliction, others saved in affliction yet in every instance, "He that endureth" etc, is saved.

4. Miracles and signs ceased when the truths they attested were fully established, but the supernatural will be with men so long as they possess a spirit or spiritual nature.

5. "The object of opening prison doors is that disciples may preach and the object of preaching is to open prison doors" Isa 61: 1.

6. Witnesses must speak the truth and the whole truth.

7. Only Christ can give repentance and forgiveness.

8. The gift of the Holy Spirit has its price—V. 32.

The Rock River Chautauqua Assembly.

The only Chautauqua Assembly of Northern Illinois is situated at Dixon, Illinois. Dates for 1897 are July 27th to August 13th.

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So far there has been arranged three series of special lectures:—1st series, 5 Art Lectures by Mrs. T. Verne More, Secretary of the Western Art Association. 2nd series, 5 lectures on Municipal Life and Social Evils, by Amos P. Wilder of Madison, editor of the Wisconsin State Journal. 3rd series, 5 lectures on Child Study, Council for Mothers and Teachers, by Mrs. W. F. Crafts of Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Crafts will conduct children's class in kindergarten the last five days of the Assembly.

Normal Bible School, entire session, conducted by Rev. C. W. Heisler of Denver, Colorado.

Impersonations by Goodwill Dickerman of Chicago.

Concert by Imperial Quartette of Chicago. Correspondence is being had with other quartette. English Hand Bell Ringers two concerts; Dixon Military Band will give five concerts.

Special Days:—Sunday school, Luther, C. L. S. C. Recognition, Oratorical and Field, Women's and G. A. R. day.

Lecturers now booked: Rev. H. M. Hammill, Rev. D. M. Miller, Rev. A. S. Hartman of Baltimore, Dr. G. A. Bierdeman of Utica, N. Y., Rev. L. M. Kuhns of Omaha, Neb., Rev. H. H. Webber of York, Pa., Dr. Carlos Martin—three lectures, Rev. G. M. Brown, Field Secretary C. L. S. C., conducts Round Tables and Recognition services, Prest. W. H. Crawford—three Historical Lectures, Dr. Geo. Scholl of Baltimore, Gen'l John B. Gordon, and Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage—two lectures. Other lecturers are being considered, and will be added as opportunity permits.

The Kelso-Ruff School of Music and Dramatic Art of Chicago will conduct a summer school in connection with the Assembly. Members of the faculty and others will supply the musical features of the program.

For all information address the Secretary, Rev. W. A. Hartman of Forreton, Ill., or Dr. O. B. Blackman of Dixon, Ill.

Abandons His Wife.

The LaMoille Gazette has this to say of Charles Kiser, who moved his wife and six children into that village a few days ago and, after remaining with them over night, left. The family, according to the lady's own testimony, has no present means of support and must of necessity depend upon what she can get from the county to keep body and soul together. It makes little difference to the tax payers, to be sure, whether these people are in LaMoille or Walnut from whence they came, as both are in the same county, yet it is unfair. This man is able to support his family, and well, too, if he would, but his drunkenness and negligence will compel his wife to seek a divorce. Let this woman and her children be spared the tongue lashing which too many poor people get, but if any can help, let them do so quietly, for "charity covereth a multitude of sins." Last Sunday the lady had no coal to burn, no oil for light and her youngest child has been given up by the physician. Neighbors very kindly came to her assistance and temporarily provided her with the necessities.

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AT THE END OF THE ROAD.

Only as a Last Resort Would He Part With His Treasures.

A bent old man, shabbily clad, with a face like the face of the poet Bryant. In the evening twilight he stands, beside the desk of one who is a stranger to him, in a little town in northern California.

"I ask you to pardon me," in a voice that trembles and is low.

Something confused as to illness and weariness and then:

"It pains me to seem a beggar, but I am near the end of the road, and"—

The sentence dies in inarticulate murmur, and from under the worn coat comes a small bundle wrapped in a bit of faded oilcloth.

"It is hard to part with them, even now," slowly removing the oilcloth, "but if there is some one here who cares for rare editions of good books they may be thought fair exchange for the price of shelter and something warm."

A well thumbed Shakespeare, a carefully preserved "Imitatio Christi."

The old man looks at them tenderly as they are exposed to view and places them reverently on the desk.

The man at the desk views the books coldly and denies the plea for aid. Not that he is consciously unkind, but experience with vagabonds has made him suspicious, and he interprets the pathos as a new imposture.

Next morning, an hour after sunrise, a pedestrian finds an aged man, with a face like that of the poet Bryant, lying in the shelter of a cypress hedge by the roadside. The tired heart is still. Rest must have come about the time the sunshine touched the valley. Beside the sleeper, as though it had fallen from beneath his coat, a well thumbed Shakespeare, clasped in his gaunt hands a carefully preserved "a Kempis." The "a Kempis" has a sprig of cypress for a bookmark, on one of the pages between which it rests this passage:

"O Father, always to be honored, the hour is come which from all eternity thou didst foresee would arrive; that thy servant for a short time should be oppressed exteriorly, but interiorly should ever live unto thee; that he should be for a little slighted and humbled and should fall in the sight of men."—San Francisco Call.

GRANT'S NAME.

How He Came to Adopt "U. S." as His Initials.

Up to the start for West Point, Grant had been Hiram Ulysses, or H. Ulysses Grant. The young traveler required a trunk, and Thomas Walker, a local "genius," was the man to make it. He did so, and, to finish it off, he traced on the cover in big brass tacks the initials "H. U. G." James Marshall, Ulysses' cousin, went to help him carry the new trunk home. Ulysses looked at the big, glaring letters. "I won't have that so," he said. "It spells 'hug.' The boys would plague me about it." And he thereupon shifted his middle name and became Ulysses H. Grant, and so he went forth into the world.

He registered at Roe's hotel, West Point, on the 29th of May, as "U. H. Grant," and the same day reported to the adjutant, George G. Waggaman, deposited \$48 and signed his name Ulysses Hiram Grant. His name as reported from Washington, however, was U. S. Grant, and the error arose in this way: The Hon. Thomas Hamer received the letter of Jesse Grant only the day before the close of his term, and, being much hurried, sat down at once and wrote to Secretary of War Poinsett, asking for the appointment of his neighbor's son. He knew the boy's name to be Ulysses, and, inferring that his middle name was Simpson, so filled in the application, and thus it stood when Ulysses faced the adjutant.

He asked to have it changed, but was told it was impossible without the consent of the secretary of war.

"Very well," he said. "I came here to enter the military academy, and enter I shall. An initial more or less does not matter." He was known to the government thereafter as U. S. Grant.—Hamlin Garland in McClure's.

Prince and Peasant.

Prince Christian of Denmark, had been only a king instead of a prince, would certainly outlive the story of Alfred of old and the cakes. One day he had to review some troops at Bierre, a country town of small dimensions. Riding home, tired and thirsty, he stopped at a farmhouse to beg a drink. The old farmer's wife bade him welcome and enter. As she was at the moment pan-cake making, she asked him if he would like some. "Very much, indeed," replied the prince, and soon he was comfortably seated, enjoying his humble fare at the kitchen table.

Having finished his meal, he asked the old dame how much he owed her. "Nothing at all," was the answer. On his persisting that he would prefer paying, she patted his shoulder affectionately, saying: "You are a soldier, my son, and soldiers are always 'hard up.' I never take anything from them." He suggested he was not quite so "hard up" as the generality of them. "Oh, I know better!" and with a knowing wink and a nod she turned to her pan-cake making. "It is quite true, good mother," said the prince, laughing heartily, "for, you see, my grandfather happens to be the king." "What?" cried his astonished hostess, dropping her whisk and nearly upsetting the frying pan in her fright. A second or two she gazed at him speechlessly, then remarked naively, "I should have asked you into the parlor, shouldn't I?"

Car Searchers.

"There is a class of people," says a railroad man, "who are always last to leave the cars—for a purpose. This is especially noticed on suburban trains. They go from one end of the train to the other, looking in seats on both sides of the car. It is impossible for our men to be always on the watch, and presumably there are many losses that can never be reclaimed."—New York Tribune.

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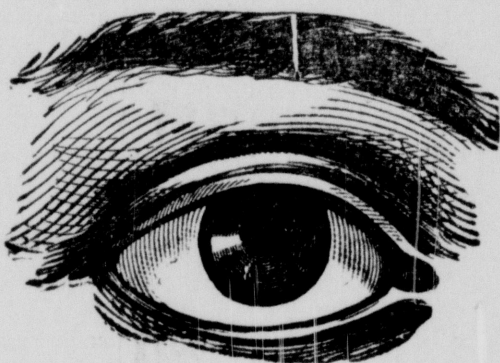
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Last night Prof. and Mrs. Dille gave a reception at their home in honor of the Dean of the Oratory Department.

The evening's entertainment consisted of music by Miss Allie Teall, Mina Getchell and Maud Bennyhoff and selections by Miss Althea R. Morris, all of which were greatly enjoyed by the members of the class. The pieces which were especially good were selections from Mark Twain—"A Born Inventor," and "Mammy's Baby Boy," the latter being in the negro dialect. Miss Morris comes to the N. I. N. S. thoroughly prepared for her work. She has studied under the most noted teachers of the country and has taught elocution successfully for the past six years. Among those under whom she studied are Prof. Workman, of the Ohio Normal University, Miss Deming of the Boston School of Oratory, Miss Bacon, Professor of Oratory, Hiram College, and a student of both Boston and New York Schools of Oratory. She has also taken a course under Miss Anna Thomas of New York City, and under the best teachers in Chicago, among whom are the following: Miss Neal, Miss Reed, Miss Hutchinson, Mrs. Babcock, Miss Isabelle Gorchill, and Prof. Cummock, from whose institution of Oratory she has graduated.

As a literary scholar, she has a degree of B. S. from the Ohio Normal University. She has also pursued a course in rhetoric and literature in the Northwestern University, covering a period of two years. She has taught with the most successful experience at Charleston, Atwood and Utica, Ohio. She has had charge of the elocution department of the Mt. Vernon Normal school, and for the past two years has taught private and general classes at Chicago.

Thus by training and experience, she has become one of the best elocutionists in the country, and will meet with a high degree of success at the N. I. N. S.

Cards at Dixon Club.

By invitation of the Dixon Club, a large number of our pleasure loving people assembled last night at the club rooms and enjoyed a game of progressive cinque. Fifteen tables were used. Miss Anna Carpenter was awarded the head prize after cutting with Mrs. F. O. Coleman. The ladies' second prize went to Mrs. J. Brubaker who had cut with two other ladies. The gentlemen's head prize was won by Samuel M. Gantz; the second to Alderman C. J. Rosbrook who cut an ace after F. L. Murray had turned a king. It was a very pleasant social affair which the club managers promise to repeat. Those present were:

Messrs. and Mesdames: E. C. Parsons, W. J. McAlpine, H. J. Reynolds, F. O. Coleman, S. M. Gantz, W. B. Page, G. W. Dement, J. L. Hess, John Wasley, R. S. Farrand, C. E. Chandler, M. J. McGowan, Theo. Wilson, Dr. D. A. Sheffield, F. L. Murray.

Mesdames: J. Brubaker, E. E. Shaw, Charles A. Dement, C. W. Schick, E. W. Smith, J. W. Stephens. Misses: A. D. Norris, Daisy Brubaker, Gwen Smith, Anna Carpenter, Fannie Clark, Warring, Lenore Rosbrook, Myrtle Mitchell, Cora Maxwell, Jennie Maxwell.

Messrs.: G. Brett Brubaker, G. H. T. Shaw, F. J. Rosbrook, Harry Rosbrook, B. F. Shaw, Charles A. Todd, Carl Page, C. J. Rosbrook, Walter Page, Henry Page, A. C. Dollmyer, E. L. Maxwell, Wm. McBride, Lieut. Haan, Theo. Fuller, L. D. Dement.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodruff Surprised.

Yesterday was the fifteenth anniversary of the marriage of Alderman George R. Woodruff and wife, and as it was only their crystal wedding they did not think to take notice of the event except in their own quiet way. But they were fooled; their friends planned to stir them up and they succeeded most effectively. Last evening there gathered unannounced at the home, on Monroe avenue, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Woodruff and Miss Addie Woodruff, parents and sister of our Alderman; Messrs. and Mesdames John Howell, Norman Long, John Ripley, J. M. McCleary, E. B. Knights, Perry Wilhelm. The Misses Ripley, the Misses Knight, and Samuel Long. A jolly evening was spent and a number of presents were left as a memorial of the happy occasion.

Candidate for Constable.

J. G. Bridges, of 306 West Fifth street, is a candidate for the office of constable at the April election, and is being induced to enter the race by some of the best business men in this city. Mr. Bridges has held positions of honor and trust. He was at one time sheriff of Woodford county, this state, and was United States marshal of Texas under President Benjamin Harrison. He has lived in Dixon the past six years and has made many friends. He, being a Mason in the twenty-third degree, has the friendship of that society.

SUBURBAN SIFTINGS.

Hints and Happenances in Surrounding Towns and Villages.

THE KINGDOM

Feb. 8.—Those on the sick list are: Clarence Read, Clarence and Arthur Floto and Oscar Heckman.

About fifty of the friends of Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Hetler surprised them last Saturday night.

S. A. Bender and daughter, Mrs. Fred Drew of Dixon, started for Pennsylvania Saturday to visit Mr. Bender's mother.

Miss Belle Floto was pleasantly surprised on her thirteenth birthday, January 29.

Mrs. Joseph Stevens is in Dixon taking care of her son Leonard, who is sick with the measles.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Wetherbee visited at Lyman Frost's near Ashton last week.

Mrs. James Vance and Mrs. Bachman drove to Byron, last week to visit friends.

Mrs. Brantigan of Dixon visited her daughter, Mrs. Gene Harrington over Sunday.

Mr. Zehring of Chicago visited his sister, Mrs. D. J. Wetherbee, over Sunday.

The W. M. S. will meet with Mrs. Will Floto Feb. 10.

WOOSUNG.

Feb. 9.—Miss Bessie Nagle has returned from a two months visit in Lincoln, Nebraska.

M. J. Hazeltine of Polo was a caller in town Monday.

Mrs. M. Dutcher of Franklin Grove is visiting her sister, Mrs. E. Bowers.

Mrs. McCoy of Freeport is a visitor at the Reichard home.

Mr. George McWethy of Eldora, Iowa, visited at Henry Parks' last week.

Mrs. Samuel McGaffey entertained a number of friends at a rag bee last Thursday.

All are cordially invited to attend a "five cent social" at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Decker, Friday evening, Feb. 12.

Mr. Timmerman of Mt. Morris is moving on the L. W. Mitchell farm.

About seventeen little folks surprised Master John O'Brien Saturday afternoon, it being his tenth birthday.

Mrs. C. E. Morgan entertained lady friends with a five o'clock tea Tuesday in honor of Mrs. Grace Borum.

TRIO.

PALMYRA.

Feb. 9.—About a score of neighbors and friends were entertained Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Miles Bryan, on the Bethea farm. The event which drew together the friends was to celebrate the birthday of Mr. Bryan, who accepted the surprise in a very gracious manner. The evening was very much enjoyed by all, at the close of which a sumptuous repast was set forth by Mrs. Bryan, which was most heartily appreciated.

James Honey and family, formerly of this place, will return from the west in a few weeks, where they have been making their home. Mr. Honey has rented a farm near Nachusa. Mrs. Honey is expected in a few days to visit for a short time with her father, Fletcher Seavey.

Mesdames S. D. Eastwood, Andy Kentner, Howard Johnson, L. W. Mitchell and Carrie L. Swigart of this place were among the invited guests entertained at a delightful dinner party, Saturday, by Mrs. C. W. Boucher of Dixon.

A few of our people have received invitations to the large party Thursday evening to be given by Mr. and Mrs. Abram Truesdell.

A couple of strangers called one day this week at a farm house in Palmyra, asking to be directed to the home of S. Gantz. Upon being told that Mr. Gantz lived in Dixon, they insisted that it was impossible, as he must live near the S. D. Eastwood home. Upon close inquiry it was found that the party they wished to see was John Mensch, instead of Sam Gantz. We leave our readers to judge of the similarity of the two names.

Miss Hattie Stager very pleasantly entertained about twenty of her young friends at her charming home last Saturday; the occasion being her fourteenth birthday. The little folks very much enjoyed the day, which was spent in games and various amusements, also the refreshments that were served.

Farmers' Institute next week, commencing Tuesday, at the court house.

LEE CENTER.

Feb. 17.—Married, at the Congregational parsonage on Wednesday evening, Feb. 3d, by the Rev. J. M. Markley, Curtis E. Mirely of West Brooklyn to Miss Edith Daw of Lee Center. That a long life of happiness and prosperity may attend the popular young people, is the wish of their many friends.

P. M. James of Amboy will deliver the address at the Washington's birthday anniversary service in Lee Center on Sunday evening, the 21st.

A war drama, "The Spy of Gettysburg," will be presented by home talent Saturday evening, February 20th. The proceeds will be applied in the interest of the public school library.

Mrs. Markley has returned from her visit in Henry county, and the parson no longer revels in the glories of bachelor's hall.

Lee Center, famous for keeping right in line, is going to have an auction sale all her own. It is not a sheriff's sale, but a clearing up auction of all the goods remaining in Camplan & Co's stock. Sales will begin Wednesday of this week, and Lee Center's popular and eloquent auctioneer, P. W. Mason, will handle goods and rhetorical periods with neatness and dispatch.

The C. E. anniversary service last Sunday night was well attended. The program included an address by M. P. Thornton, a recitation by Miss Pebe Gray, solo by Miss Della Frost and a blackboard exercise, "the C. E. Compass," conducted by Mrs. M. D. Richardson.

ardson, the drawing being the handiwork of Albert Hill. The Lee Center Y. P. S. C. E. is in a flourishing condition and new members are coming in.

STEWART.

Report of Stewart Public schools, for month ending, Feb. 5, 1897.

ADVANCED DEPARTMENT:—W. Y. Herrick, teacher.

Number pupils enrolled 36

" days taught 21

Average daily attendance 25

The following pupils were neither absent nor tardy: Mabel Herrick, Ruby Yetter, Anna Ever, Claude Herrick, Tommy Richardson.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT:—Achsa Hemenway, teacher.

Number pupils enrolled 30

" days taught 21

Average daily attendance 24

The following pupils were neither absent nor tardy: Hannah Richardson, Ruby Richardson and John Yetter.

PRAIRIEVILLE.

Feb. 9.—David Ebersole shelled his corn yesterday and hauled it to Sterling.

A. M. Smith is shelling today.

James Furlay of Erie was in our village yesterday calling on friends and neighbors.

All the ice houses in this vicinity were filled last week.

Adrian Mason went to Lee Center yesterday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Mason of Lee Center, who have been visiting their daughter, Mrs. S. S. Royer, started for home yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lampkin and Mrs. Henry Sartorius started for Iowa last Friday for a few weeks visit.

Mrs. Frank Brauer, who has been under the doctor's care for some time, does not seem to improve much.

The church sociable at S. S. Royer's last Thursday evening was well attended. Over \$12 was cleared.

It is nearing moving and tax paying time. The associations are not as pleasant as they might be.

S. S. Royer started both of his well drilled Monday morning. They are drilling over in Jordan township.

J. C. Small is moving hay and grain on the Royer farm, where he moves about the 1st of March. ARGUS.

PROBATE COURT.

Work Done by Judge R. S. Farrand.

Charles A. Herbst appointed administrator of the estate of Susan Hartzell.

Report approved in estate of Charles A. Reinhold et al minors. The estate is settled as to Amul Reinhold.

Will of Mrs. Huldah Crawford recorded.

J. F. Sanford was appointed guardian of minor heirs of W. W. Tilton, deceased.

In the matter of William Davis, assignment, report of assignee approved. Decree for sale of real estate in estate of W. W. Tilton, deceased.

From the Sterling Standard.

Mike Cramer spent the day in Dixon on business.

A. W. Laughton, of Dixon, drove down to the city Monday on business.

George Wheelock, the monument man of Dixon, spent Monday night in Rock Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Preston, of Dixon, were in the city Monday for a visit at the home of Mrs. Lena Edson.

The audience at the Baptist church was unusually large last night considering all the circumstances. Rev. H. C. Leland preached a very able sermon, having in view immediate activity on the part of the church members in bringing their unconverted friends to the services.

Farewell Lovefeast.

Tomorrow evening the Masonic societies will hold a sort of lovefeast and final leave-taking of the old hall, corner of First street and Galena avenue, which was dedicated June 24, 1868, and which has for nearly a third of a century been their home. It is hoped that every member of the Friendship Lodge No. 7, will be present; especially those of its earlier membership who are still living. Interesting reminiscences will be brought to mind, and the meeting will be one of peculiar interest.

Did you ever stop to think what indigestion really means? It means simply that your stomach is tired. If our legs are tired, we ride. The horse and the steam engine do the work. Why not give your stomach a ride; that is, let something else do its work. Foods can be digested outside the body. All plants contain digestive principles which will do this. The Shaker Digestive Cordial contains digestive principles and is a preparation designed to rest the stomach. The Shakers themselves have such unbounded confidence in it that they have placed 10 cent sample bottles on the market, and it is said that even so small a quantity proves beneficial in a vast majority of cases. All druggists keep it.

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Children's Underwear, all wool, former price 50c.....now 25c
Children's Underwear, merino, former price 15c.....now 8c
Ladies' Belts, all styles, former price 30c to 40c.....now 15c
Ladies' Hose Supporters, black and white, former price 30c.....now 15c
Fleisher's German Knitting Yarn, 1 skein, former price 25c.....now 15c
Men's Silk Embroidery Suspenders, former price 30c.....now 15c
Men's Wool Mufflers, extra large, former price 75c.....now 40c
Boy's Shirt Waists, made of extra good cambric, former price 50c.....now 19c
Men's 4-ply Linen Collars, former price 15c each.....now 3 for 25c
Children's All Wool Mittens, former price 15c.....now 8c
Torchon Lace Edgings, 2 yards for.....1c
Ladies' Muslin Underwear at less than half price, and many other bargains. Come soon before they are gone. We must close out the above for want of room.

FREE! FREE!

A real China Cup and Saucer with one dollars worth of goods or more.



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man's vocabulary means a crash in prices to such an extent as to warrant the attention of all people desirous of securing bargains that come only at this crisis. We appeal to all the people who delight in saving money, especially in purchasing and it's a duty you owe to yourself if you have purchases to make in the clothing and furnishing line, so call and be convinced that the values we are offering are in touch with the times. We take annual Inventory February 1st, and between now and that time an immense pile of clothing must be turned into cash. This Grand Stock Reducing Sale should be attended by every man, woman and child in this city, as cold type utterly fails to describe the values being offered in order to get our stock in ship shape order to inventory.

	\$6.00 values	\$8.50 values	\$12.00 values	\$15.00 values	\$18.00 values
MEN'S SUITS	\$3.98	\$5.50	\$8.50	\$9.50	\$12.50
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	4.95	6.50	7.50	9.50	12.50
MEN'S ULSTERS	\$8.00 values		\$12.00 values	\$15.00 values	\$18.00 values
	4.95		7.50	9.50	12.50
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Pullman Buffet Sleeper every Tuesday
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with the Southern Pacific's "Sunset Limited,"
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via the Central Route, under the auspices of
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will leave Chicago January 19th, 1897, Febru-
ary 27th, 1897. Tickets include all expenses,
Railway, Sleeping and Dining-Car Fares,
Hotels, Carriages, etc.

MARDI GRAS AT NEW ORLEANS March 1st and 2nd, 1897.

Announcement of reduced rates for this
occasion will be made in due season, particu-
lars of which can be learned of your home
ticket agent.

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From January to May, 1897, inclusive, at ONE
FARE FOR THE ROUND TRIP, plus \$2.00.
To certain points South from stations west
of Iowa Falls, Ia., inclusive, on the 1st and
3d Monday of each month; east of Iowa Falls
and north of Cairo, Ill., one day later, viz.:
1st and 3d Tuesday. Homeseekers' tickets
will also be sold from stations north of Cairo
and east of Cedar Falls to points on Illinois
Central west of Iowa Falls, and from all
stations on the Central Route north of Cairo
to certain points.

WEST AND SOUTH-WEST

on the 1st and 3d Tuesday of each month.

Tickets and full information concerning all
of the above can be had of agents of the Cen-
tral Route and connecting lines.

A. H. HANSON, Gen'l Pass's Agent, Chicago.

THE GARDEN.

Choked with ill weeds my garden lay a-dying.
Hard was the ground; no bud had heart to
blossom.
Yet shone your smile there, with your soft
breath sighing,
"Have patience, for some day the flowers
will grow."
Some weeds you killed; you made a plot and
filled it.
"My plot," you said, "rich harvest yet shall
give."
With sun warmed seeds of hope your dear
hands filled it.
With rain soft tears of pity bade them live.
So, weak among the weeds that had withstood
you,
One little pure white flower grew by and by.
You could not pluck my flower. Alas, how
should you?
You set the seed, but let the blossom die.
—Pall Mall Budget.

FAME WON BY ACCIDENT.

Bastien Lepage's First Successful Picture
Was an Advertisement.

The great French painter, Bastien Lepage, was pursued by unmerciful disaster through his youth in his efforts to study art. His mother worked in the fields to keep that sickly boy at school. At 15 he went to Paris alone, starved for seven years, painted without success, but still painted. He had just finished a picture to send to the salon when Paris was besieged, and he rushed with his comrades to the trenches.

On the first day a shell fell into his studio and destroyed his picture, and another shell fell at his feet, wounding him. He was carried home and lay ill and idle for two years. Then he returned to Paris, and, reduced to absolute want, painted cheap fans for a living. One day a manufacturer of some patent medicine ordered a picture from him to illustrate its virtues. Lepage, who was sincere, gave his best work to the advertisement. He painted a landscape in the April sunlight. The leaves of tender green quivered in the breeze; a group of beautiful girls gathered around a fountain from which the elixir of youth sprang in a bubbling stream. Lepage believed there was real merit in it.

"Let me offer it at the salon," he asked his patron.

The manufacturer was delighted. "But first paint a rainbow arching over the fountain," he said, "with the name of my medicine upon it." Lepage refused. "Then I will not pay you a sou for the picture!" The price of this picture meant bread for months, and the painter had long needed bread. The chance of admission to the salon was small. He hesitated. Then he silenced his hunger and carried the canvas to the salon. It was admitted. Its great success insured Lepage a place in public recognition and his later work a place among the greatest of living artists. — Current Literature.

Some Railway Mapmaking.

"This won't do," said the general passenger agent in annoyed tones to the map maker. "I want Chicago moved down here half an inch, so as to come on our direct route to New York. Then take Buffalo and put it a little farther from the lake."

"You've got Detroit and New York on different latitudes, and the impression that that is correct won't help our road."

"And, man, take those two lines that compete with us and make 'em twice as crooked as that. Why, you've got one of 'em almost straight."

"Yank Boston over a little to the west and put New York a little to the west, so as to show passengers that our Buffalo division is the shortest route to Boston."

How Flies Walk on Window Panes.

The microscope reveals the neat contrivance which enables a fly to walk up a window pane or defy the laws of gravity by gliding along, back downward, on the ceiling. The magnifier shows the foot to be made up of two pads covered with fine, short hair, each pad having a hook above it. Behind each pad is a bag filled with a sticky liquid which oozes out whenever the fly puts his foot down. The amount which is pressed out of each foot is very small indeed, but taken all together it is amply sufficient to hold the insect in any position he chooses. — St. Louis Republic.

Nero's Appearance.

In his youth Nero was remarkably handsome, but early in manhood his habits of dissipation made him exceedingly corpulent. To judge from his medals and the descriptions left of him he must have weighed over 200 pounds. His features were regular, but his eyes were so protuberant as to be almost a deformity, and he was nearsighted, so much so that he could not recognize his acquaintances across the street.

Perils of the Future.

Passenger (in chair car)—Where are you going, dear? Don't leave me alone here among strangers.

His Wife—Nonsense, James! Nothing will hurt you. I am going into the smoking car a little while. Read a fashion magazine or something till I come back. — Chicago Tribune.

Henry Clay had a voice of medium strength, but of singular purity. He spoke with a strong southern accent and in a pleasant, sympathetic tone that carried the audience with him from the start.

Wales was thus named by the Anglo-Saxons, the word meaning "the land of foreigners." The native name is Cambria, or "the country of the Kimri."

Kepler firmly believed the moon to be inhabited. He always spoke of the supposed people of that orb as "the Selenites."

In 1889 the United States produced over 34,000,000 barrels of petroleum.

THEIR DEADLY FIRE.

THE AMERICAN RIFLEMEN AT THE
BATTLE OF NEW ORLEANS.

A Description of the Engagement by General Jackson—A Letter From "Old Hickory"—How Pakenham's Veterans Were Defeated by Frontiersmen.

In The Century William Hugh Roberts has an article entitled "Napoleon's Interest In the Battle of New Orleans." In this is quoted a hitherto unpublished letter written by General Jackson to Mr. James Monroe. A portion of the letter follows:

There was a very heavy fog on the river that morning, and the British had formed and were moving before I knew it. The disposition of the riflemen was very simple. They were told off in Nos. 1 and 2. No. 1 was to fire first, then step back and let No. 2 shoot while he reloaded. About 600 yards from the rifleman there was a great drainage canal running back from the Mississippi river to the swamp in the rear of the tilled land on which we were operating. Along this canal the British formed, under the fire of the few artillery pieces I had near enough to them to get their range. But the instant I saw them I said to Coffee, whom I directed to hurry to his line, which was to be first attacked: "By —, we have got them! They are ours!" Coffee dashed forward, and, riding along his line, called out, "Don't shoot till you can see their belt buckles!" The British were formed in mass, well closed up, and about two companies front.

The British, thus formed, moved on at a quick step, without firing a shot, to within 100 yards of the kneeling riflemen, who were holding their fire till they could see the belt buckles of their enemies. The British advance was executed as though they had been on parade. They marched shoulder to shoulder, with the step of veterans, as they were. At 100 yards distance from our line the order was given: "Extend column front! Double quick, march! Charge!" With bayonets at the charge, they came on us at a run. I own it was an anxious moment. I well knew the charging column was made up of the picked troops of the British army. They had been trained by the duke himself, were commanded by his brother-in-law and had successfully held off the ablest of Napoleon's marshals in the Spanish campaign. My riflemen had never seen such an attack, nor had they ever before fought white men. The morning, too, was damp. Their powder might not burn well. "God help us!" I muttered, watching the rapidly advancing line. Seventy, 60, 50, finally 40 yards, were they from the silent kneeling riflemen. All of my men that I could see was their long rifles rested on the logs before them. They obeyed their orders well. Not a shot was fired until the redcoats were within 40 yards. I heard Coffee's voice as he roared out: "Now, men, aim for the center of the cross belts! Fire!" A second after the order a crackling, blinding flash ran all along our line. The smoke hung so heavily in the misty morning air that I could not see what had happened. I called Tom Overton and Abner Duncan of my staff, and we galloped toward Coffee's line. In a few seconds after the first fire there came another sharp, ringing volley. As I came within 150 yards of Coffee the smoke lifted enough for me to make out what was happening.

The British were falling back in a confused, disorderly mass, and the entire first ranks of their column were blown away. For 200 yards in our front the ground was covered with a mass of writhing, wounded, dead and dying redcoats. By the time the rifles were wiped the British line was reformed, and on it came again. This time they were led by General Pakenham in person, gallantly mounted and riding as though he was on parade. Just before he got within range of Coffee's line I heard a single rifle shot from a group of country carts we had been using, about 175 yards distant, and a moment thereafter I saw Pakenham reel and pitch out of his saddle. I have always believed he fell from the bullet of a freeman of color who was a famous rifle shot and came from the Atakappas region of Louisiana. The second advance was precisely like the first in its ending. In five volleys the 1,600 or more riflemen killed and wounded 2,117 British soldiers, two-thirds of them killed dead or mortally wounded. I did not know where General Pakenham was lying, or I should have sent to him or gone in person to offer any service in my power to render.

I was told he lived two hours after he was hit. His wound was direct through the liver and bowels. General Keene, I hear, was killed. They sent a flag to me, asking leave to gather up their wounded and bury their dead, which, of course, I granted. I was told by a wounded officer that the rank and file absolutely refused to make a third charge. "We have no chance with such shooting as these Americans do," they said.

Hereditary Suicide.

An extraordinary instance of hereditary tendency to suicide was told by Professor Brouardel in Paris lately. A farmer near Etampes hanged himself without apparent cause, leaving a family of seven son and four daughters. Ten of the 11 subsequently followed the father's example, but not until they had married and begotten children, all of whom likewise hanged themselves. The only survivor is a son, who is now 69 years of age and has passed safely beyond the family hanging age.

In many parts of Central and South America sensitive plants are so numerous that the course of a man or animal through the undergrowth may for an hour be traced by the wilted appearance of the foliage.

There are 3,027 knots of ocean distance between Cherbourg and Fire Island.

POO BAH'S OF TRAVEL.

The General Passenger Agents and Their Services to the Public.

General passenger agents know what it costs to go anywhere, remain there any length of time and come back by another route. They are, in short, the Poo Bahs of the realm of travel. Without them the average human being with a burning desire to go somewhere would be as a blind man in a crowded, unfamiliar thoroughfare, as a ship without a rudder or a bird of passage deprived of one of its wings. Think of a world without the ever present "folder" and its impartial, never overdrawn claims of superiority for the line to which it owes its existence. Life in it would indeed be without sufficient compensation. The art of advertising was an unknown quantity until the general passenger agent came upon the scene and with his magic wand transformed dull nothings into bright, realistic somethings. To him the steepest grade and the sharpest curve are of little consequence. Grades and curves and distances that have defied the skill of superior and engineer disappear before the morning sunlight. Under his manipulation ponds become lakes, hills grow to be mountains, groves expand into forests, rills swell into rivers, and all that has been thought uninteresting, or worse, suddenly bursts upon the world as a "thing of beauty and a joy forever."

Seriously the traveling public owes much, very much, to the general passenger agent. Not only has he brought to notice and to popularity innumerable "deserving localities" that otherwise would have "blushed unseen," but he has made it possible to visit these, as well as others longer and better known, with an expenditure of time and exertion and expense insignificant in its proportions when compared with that of years gone by. He is ever watchful of the needs and whims and eccentricities of travelers and quick to provide for their every requirement. He is an intermediary between the traveler and the railway or steamship company, ever ready to serve the interests of both without prejudice to either and never shrinking from any proper obligation. In the early days of coming and going by rail and steamer he was not known. Now he is one of the most important factors in the whole warp and woof of travel, and for him the future is full of added powers and increasing honors. — Magazine of Travel.

The Millionaire's Eagle Eye.

Another story illustrative of the daily life of a Chicago millionaire may help to explain why some people have more money than others.

This millionaire invited a visitor from another city to meet him at a certain hour and accompany him to the stockyards, where he has large interests. The millionaire rode up in a sidecar buggy somewhat the worse for mud and wear, drawn by a shaggy but active horse. He explained that before starting for the yards he would have to go to one of the large banks down town, as he was on the board which regulated loans, and he had to pass on an application for a loan of \$500,000.

They stopped in front of the bank, and the rich man hurried in and remained several minutes. He came out on a run, and they started rattledly bang for the stockyards and Packingtown.

When they arrived and were entering the packing house, they saw an old man sorting out into barrels a heap of bones and fatty remnants. The bones were trimmed and put into one barrel and the flesh and fat into another barrel. The millionaire owner of the place walked over to the workman and began asking questions. Then he drew off his coat, rolled back his shirt sleeves to the shoulder and began rummaging among the bones. He found several which had not been properly stripped, and the workman received a scolding which he will remember all his life.

The stripping of those bones was just as important as the loaning of \$500,000. — Chicago Record.

Skirt Dancing at Home.

It is sheer nonsense to pretend that the modern girl learns skirt dancing out of devotion to the art. All she wants is notoriety and to possess that attraction in the eyes of men which she imagines the ballet girl possesses. In almost every case she dances so badly that there is no excuse for her from the artistic point of view, and if skirt dancing is not artistic it is vulgar or ridiculous or both. In either case it is a fashion which adds nothing to the dignity of a gentleman or to her charm and is, as a rule, an exposure both of bad taste and a bad figure. Beautiful women do not need such expedients for attracting attention. — London Graphic.

"Czar! What Is Czar?"

At a banquet last summer at Archangel, when the health of the emperor was given, we English rose, and, in accordance with our custom, repeated the name, exclaiming, "The czar!" My neighbor on my left, the commander of a Russian line of battle ship then in the port, turned to me and said in French: "The czar! What is that you mean by the czar?" It seemed to me that he had never heard the title applied to his emperor. — Notes and Queries.

A Lily That Worked.

"Why do you call me a lily?" asked the pretty soubrette.
"She toils not, neither does she spin," quoted the enamored youth.
"Toil, I believe, means to work," murmured the maiden.

Then she worked him for a pair of diamond earrings and did a pirouette to show she was no lily. — Los Angeles Herald.

Pernambuco, when translated into English, means the "month of hell." The allusion is to the tempestuous surf that continually renders the neighborhood dangerous to the sailor.

The Greeks, when traveling, wore hats in winter of cloth or felt; in summer of plaited straw, with broad brims.

THE SAND BAR TOWN.

ONE OF THE CURIOUS SIGHTS OF A
GREAT RIVER.

Hobo Colony on the Island In the "Old Hen" at Memphis—Human Driftwood Whose Principal Occupations Are Fishing, Begging and Indolence.

At Memphis the Mississippi river is nearly 1 1/2 miles wide. Just at the foot of the United States custom house the river bends into the shape of a fowl, and this place is called the "old hen." From the Arkansas side of the river to the mouth of Wolf river, which supplies the city with water, is nearly three miles, and in this mighty bend lies the biggest sand bar in the Mississippi river from mouth to source. The vast bar is more than a mile long and three-quarters of a mile wide, and on this bar is the most interesting colony in America, says a Nashville correspondent.

On cold days, when the stiff northwestern breeze comes down the "old hen," several hundred campfires may be seen on the bar, around which a heavy smoke whirls and rises into the faces of the dozen or more men crunched about each fire, poorly clad, cold and shivering. Men and women from every state are huddled together there, migratory by nature or necessity, indifferent and cheerful.

Their abodes are either the close and dark shanty boats tied to the river's bank, some rudely thrown together hut of driftwood and stray boards, miserable little tents, or, rudest of all, nothing more than a square pen built of logs, in the center of which the fire burns and about the inside edges of which are the men huddled together, lazily passing the hours away. If a census were taken, it would be found that they represent every section and all the large cities, but they generally claim homes in the great Mississippi valley. The Crescent City will secure the increment in the winter months, and when warm weather comes the southern visitors again go north. The unfortunate on the bar constitute the human driftwood of the valley, and they are congregated all the year around on the big bar, which is but a waste of sand covered with logs, branches and debris.

Most of these visitors come to the bar by boat. Those who arrive in this manner generally live in their boats, but others, having left St. Louis in a shanty boat, have met with misfortune, been forced to sell out, and with their surplus have purchased a skiff and a tent and have reached Memphis in an open boat. They soon pitch their tent and are at home. There is a vast number of these transients, however, who are members of the great army of rapid transit devotees, who disdain anything slower than a freight train, who arrive on bumpers, trucks, in cattle cars and "blind baggage." The sand bar is known to all the hoboes of America as a good thing, and it is probably the largest tramp colony in the country, its population being from 400 to 1,200 all the year round. When a hobo strikes the city, he soon learns the whereabouts of the rendezvous and is received into camp with welcome.

The city and certain individuals have been in dispute for many years over the possession of the bar. But the real owners of the bar find a fruitful source of revenue in the squatters who sojourn there. The settlement assumes the character of a small empire. The owner is emperor, and he has his collector, who draws tribute from the men who enjoy his land and his driftwood. Twenty-five cents a week is collected from each tent, hut, pen and shanty boat, and the collector is merciless in dealing with them. Each day the agent comes to the bar and takes a census of its inhabitants. These he notes carefully in a book, and at the end of a week they must pay or be subject to ejection. Fishing, washing, begging and indolence are the occupations of the people, all of whom declare that they are willing to work, but cannot find it.

River men have observed that since the Mississippi has been falling lately the big sand bar which has long threatened the Memphis levee has not only been given a higher surface by new deposits, but has been extended in dimensions until still less of the Memphis side is now navigable. The recent reports of the river commission in the matter of appropriations give nothing favorable to this danger. Two methods have been suggested to remedy it. One contemplates the changing of the mouth of the Wolf river in such a way that the outflowing current would wash away the accumulated bar. The other involves an artificial extension of Hopefield point in such manner as to carry the main current of the river across the sand bar, with the certainty that it could be washed away in a short time. The latter is considered the most feasible plan, though it would cost a great amount of money. Year by year the danger to the city becomes more imminent. Much of the old and most valuable of the river front has been washed away. If succeeding years repeat the inroads of the past, it is a question of only a short time when it will be necessary to construct new levee facilities for the river trade. — Chicago Record.

Great Oratory.

There are many stories of the disappointing effect Wendell Phillips had upon uncultivated persons when they heard him lecture for the first time. With amazement these auditors would note the entire absence of gesture, no ear splitting tones, no frenzies of elocution, only a quiet man, talking in an easy, almost conversational way, and finally ask where the oratory came in. Will the time never come when people will grasp the truth, that great oratory is possible only on great occasions and that at no other time is there any use or demand for it? — Springfield Republican.

The common columbine is among the English common people symbolic of folly.

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DOROTHY DEE.

Dorothy Dee was a dear little girl, With shining blue eyes and hair all a-curl, Lips always smiling, knew never a pout, But now all these statements must be turned round about.

Shining blue eyes with big tears are wet; Some drollish thing must have happened our pet. Lips all a-quiver with grief and woe! What a shame a wee girlie such trouble should know!

Very much troubled was Dorothy Dee, Just as unhappy as ever could be. Her lovely new dolly, her sailor boy Jack, Fell to the sidewalk, with, oh, such a whack! And his head all in pieces was lying around, Some on the sidewalk and some on the ground. Even Aunt Lizzie, so very well skilled In the mending of dolls, was sure Jack was killed.

Without any doubt the dolly was dead. Why, a doll couldn't live without any head! "Never mind," said her grandma, "don't cry any more, A new head will make him as good as before." "But, oh, my grandma!" said Dorothy Dee—A sweeter child there could not be—"You can make my dolly all mended and new, But my poor little heart is broken too."

Next day, with her face all shining with joy, She clasped in her arms a new sailor boy, And we knew that with us you are sure to agree— Grandma found a new heart for Dorothy Dee. —Virginia Adams in St. Louis Republic.

AN X RAY TEST.

Aristotle Owen was professor of photology and radiography in the great science college which occupied the site of the whilom aquarium and presented a far more appropriate vis-a-vis to the houses of parliament. Its presence there gently reminded old fashioned members that their constituents were no longer men whose first thought was amusement, but scientists, men of culture, of large mind, who needed enlightened legislation and could no longer be hoodwinked by cleverly strung together words of dubious meaning, or the resonant outpourings of inflated wind bags of so called oratory.

Aristotle Owen, it is needless to say, was a very clever man in an age when all men were clever, for the time of which we write was in the year of grace 1920. Science had made gigantic strides. Education was on such an extended scale that, though people still starved from want of the common necessities of life, they had the satisfaction of being able to analyze with scientific accuracy the slow progress of the diminution of tissue and the certain approach of dissolution.

Yet, with all his cleverness, Professor Owen had been unable to resist a prehistoric weakness—he had fallen in love with and married a very pretty woman. This, at first sight, appears only an amiable tendency, to which many a great mind has heretofore been subject, yet was it of grievous import to the professor's peace of mind, for, though in 1920 science had made prodigious and progressive strides, virtue, alas, had been somewhat retrograde; hence it was that, amid his most abstruse calculations and subtle deductions, harassing thoughts of his pretty wife would arise and disturb the calm, mental abstraction which science demands. In the earlier and ruder age it might have been said that the professor was jealous, but the leading medical light of 1920 pronounced it as his grave opinion that Professor Owen suffered from aggravated cardiac acerbitude, and the nervous irritability produced by this insidious disease caused him to watch his wife with lynx eyed vigilance and to note every slight inflection in her voice and manner. Nothing was too trivial to escape being, as it were, instantaneously photographed on his mental sensitive plate.

Professor Owen returned home to dinner. The table was daintily arranged, the food exquisite, his wife at the head of the table in perfect harmony with her surroundings.

"You lecture at the institute tomorrow evening, do you not, Aristotle?" she asked as the sweets appeared. "Will you dine at home?"

He looked up quickly. His mental sensitive plate was quivering with eager receptivity as he answered slowly: "I find I shall not have to lecture."

The expression of his wife's face altered perceptibly. A little pucker of annoyance contracted her pretty brows, and her lips curved downward with a disappointed, dejected droop. There was even a faint note of distress in her voice as she answered plaintively, "Oh, I thought it was quite settled."

"Nothing but a scientific fact or a mathematical problem can be considered definitely settled," he answered dogmatically; then added in a tone he thought was genial and sympathetic: "I hope my presence will not inconvenience you or disturb any arrangements you may have made."

"Oh, not at all. Only I— Well, thinking you would not be at dinner and away all the evening, I asked Letty Golightly to come up from Wimbledon and share my loneliness. Of course now, as I know she is not a persona grata, I will telephone and put her off."

"Do not, I entreat. I should much prefer that you should make no alteration in your plans."

And Professor Owen rose, left the room and retired to his study in a very bad frame of mind. The cardiac acerbity was rising most prejudicially to the proper digestion of an excellent dinner.

His wife was right. He did not like Letty Golightly. She was advanced in many ways even for 1920. Yet, with a strange inconsistency, she clung to many pernicious, old fashioned customs, too—skirt dancing, bicycling and a love for music hall songs, among the number—and was engaged to a muscular hussar with a fine mustache and body, but no mind. Serious as these propensities were, there was another fact, which rendered her even more objectionable in the professor's eyes—Miss Golightly possessed an unmarried brother who might have been mistaken for the hus-

sar. This brother—alas, for the weakness of great men—was the large cause of the professor's cardiac trouble.

Aristotle Owen sat thinking deeply, until his meditations were disturbed by the tinkling of the telephone bell. Not only every house, but every room possessed its telephone in 1920. He rose and placing his ear to the instrument listened.

"Can you lecture at the People's palace on 'Inchoate Hymenogeny' tomorrow evening at 7 o'clock?" asked the voice of a much esteemed brother scientist.

Aristotle thought for a moment. A flash of inspiration came to him. He placed his lips to the tube.

"Yes, I can. Will you join me here at 6:30?"

The answer was evidently satisfactory, and the professor, with a face from which all uncertainty had vanished, joined his wife in the drawing room.

"I hope you have not put off your friend," he said.

"I telephoned to her, but she was not at home."

"Well, do not alter your arrangements. Blatant has just asked me to lecture at the People's palace on hymenogeny tomorrow at 7. He will call for me at 6:30. We shall have supper in the city, and I shall bring him here to sleep, but we shall not be home till late, certainly not before 12. I have an experiment I wish to try tonight, so do not wait up for me." He returned to his study and was soon deep in various strange preparations.

Pretty Mrs. Owen yawned several times, hummed, pouted, and at last, throwing the novel she was reading on the sofa in disgust, rose to her feet. At that moment the bell of the telephone sounded. She went eagerly to the instrument.

"I am here," said a merry voice.

"What do you want?"

"Be sure to come tomorrow evening at 7. Not a moment earlier. I hope Jack is free."

"Jack is free; so is Bob. I shall bring both, without fail. How long is the coast clear?"

"Till 12—better say 11:30."

"Good. Shall catch the 12 train back. By, by!"

With a smile of satisfaction on her lips Mrs. Owen left the room. She leaned over the banisters. The study door was partly open.

"Good night, Aristotle!" she called gayly. "Don't asphyxiate yourself or blow up the house."

"Good night!" her husband answered in a muffled voice of apparent absorption. But he ceased from his labors and listened eagerly till the sound of a closing door reached him. Then he rang the bell, and, telling the servants not to wait up, sat listening silently till they retired to their rooms and silence reigned throughout the house.

Taking up a strange shaped vial, he cautiously left the study, and, ascending the stairs, entered the drawing room. He pressed the electric button. A sudden blaze of light illumined the room. Looking the door carefully, he went to the window, and, drawing up the blind, stood looking into the street.

A narrow strip of ground faced the house, wherein a few dilapidated and dissipated trees reared their meager branches, almost bare of leaves, but which nevertheless gave the name of gardens to the adjoining street. Having studied the object of his investigation sufficiently, he closed the blind, and, turning, gazed at the room and its furniture. Slowly he took from the table the strange looking vial he had brought with him, into the neck of which he inserted a large spray. With it he squirted a shower of minute drops over the walls and furniture facing the garden. This he did with assiduous care, until every inch was covered with a fine but perfectly even surface of moisture, and the air reeked with the fumes of potassium platino cyanide.

He then approached the electric button and, kneeling down, studied the carpet near the doorstep with deep attention. Rising, he crept softly down stairs to the hall door, opened it gently and adjusted something with great care near the left hand doortpost. This done, Professor Owen returned to his study.

The following evening, at 6:30 precisely, Blatant arrived, and after a few vague words to Mrs. Owen he and the professor started. The little woman gave a sigh of relief as the door closed behind them and stepping on to the balcony, with a happy smile on her lips, watched them out of sight.

Helios Gardens, where Professor Owen resided, was dull and little frequented, especially after dark. It was an eminently respectable and quiet neighborhood. Noise and frivolity were not encouraged. But on that evening the drawing room of the professor's house was brilliantly lighted, and thence issued weird, unusual sounds of merry dance music or the refrain of a wild popular ditty was wafted out upon the breeze and made the dull respectability of the encircling gloom shiver with shocked surprise.

Beneath the shadow of the ghostly, skeletonlike trees facing the house a man, enveloped in a large cloak, stood watching the lighted window. A far-reaching, prolonged hiss sounded, and the watching figure drew a curious pear shaped glass globe from beneath his cloak. Holding it carefully in his left hand, he manipulated some hidden machinery with his right, and a strange green glow shone forth.

At the same time another man, crouching in the shadow of the house, crept nearer and nearer to the entrance, then slunk up the steps and stood pressed close against the hall door. The deep obscurity of the porch hid him from the curious eyes of a possible but not probable policeman.

The man beneath the trees saw the window suddenly darken. Still he gazed steadily, holding the globe jealously. Five minutes or more passed. The window was again brilliantly lighted, and a peal of gay laughter sounded on the startled air.

The slinking form glided from the

porch, and, turning the corner of the block, was joined by the cloaked figure, and both disappeared in the darkness.

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Mrs. Owen's little dinner had passed off pleasantly. The parti carre had returned to the drawing room. Gay chatter mingled with the clatter of the coffee cups; music and merry songs succeeded the chatter. Two of the four amused themselves at the piano. The others conversed confidentially on the sofa.

Suddenly the brilliant light was extinguished and the room plunged in darkness. So startling was this abrupt change that the occupants of the room sat motionless, breathless, dumb. Then Mrs. Owen's voice rose in a little, tremulous cry of annoyance.

"This horrid electric light! It did the same thing the other night. And yet Aristotle says these are the best burners. I feel so frightened, or I would ring for lights."

"It is very jolly as it is," said a man's voice. "I rather like the dark."

"Ah, but see what a ghostly light is playing over the wall. I believe there is something uncanny in the room," said Letty Golightly in a quivering voice. And in trembling expectation the four waited.

With equal suddenness the light blazed forth again, and their nervous fear relieved itself in a burst of laughter.

"Is it not stupid?" said Mrs. Owen.

"Rather embarrassing when the light is turned up so quick," muttered the hussar. "Ought to ring a bell, don't you know."

At 11:30 the door of the professor's house opened. A shrill whistle was heard, which was again repeated. Then two light motor coupes glided up. Into one two figures, a woman's and a man's, entered, a single man mounted the other, and the phantomlike vehicles disappeared into the night.

The lights in the drawing room went out and reappeared in the room above, and as a neighboring clock struck 12 another motor car glided swiftly up to the door, and out of it Aristotle Owen and Blatant stepped. They paused a moment on the porch; then, entering, passed into the study. After some minutes the professor came out alone. He ascended the stairs noiselessly and paused outside his wife's door. All was as silent—as still as death.

He crept down softly, opened the drawing room door, entered and closed it again; then, turning on the light, he stood still, his face quivering, his hands shaking with excitement.

He went to the wall and stripped from it a filmlike paper, which coiled itself up in snaky folds. Peeling the same curious tissue-like substance from a high backed sofa, he held the long rolls with the greatest care, and, pressing the electric button, left the room and returned to his study.

Through the silent hours of the night he and his brother scientist worked.

The first ray of early daylight peeping through the half drawn curtains found them bending over two X ray radiographs and lit up Aristotle's face, full of strange perplexity and horrible disappointment.

His experiment was perfect. There had not been a single hitch in his elaborate arrangements. From his own doorstep he had extinguished the electric light at the exact moment his friend had attached the induction coil to the tube for producing the Roentgen rays. The apparatus being directed at the first door, the figures in the drawing room had been thus placed between the rays and the carefully prepared walls and furniture.

By this clever arrangement Professor Owen had obtained two radiographs of the unconscious occupants of the room.

Here on the table they lay. Yet, though they in part confirmed his suspicions, they helped him not in the least to ascertain with positive accuracy the terrible truth.

The film which he had taken from the wall showed, in clear, ghostly shadows, two skeletons, one seated with arms outstretched as if the bony hands were resting on the keys of a piano, the other bending over the seated form, the bones of one large hand resting on the smaller ones below.

The smaller film, which had been coiled from off the high backed sofa, also bore two skeleton shadows. These were seated, and, alas for the professor's peace of mind, the bony arm of one was round the equally bony waist of the other.

As he gazed upon them his cardiac trouble became so grievous that his speech was staid. Not so his friend's.

"Perfect, perfect!" exclaimed Blatant ecstatically. "These are the best radiographs I have seen produced on the new sensitive film. But, my dear Owen, which are the real lovers and which is your wife?"

He looked up at his friend, his bleared eyes blinking behind his glasses.

"Ah!" said Aristotle Owen, getting his breath at last, with a deep sigh of perplexity. "Which? That is the question. How can a man recognize his wife's bones?"

Blatant stared at him. Slowly—very slowly—he began to realize the terrible perplexity and doubts which troubled his friend's mind.

Then he turned his dull gaze upon the radiographs, and a movement flickered on his lips which, in less learned and more frivolous man, might have been mistaken for a smile. As soon as he could control this curious muscular contortion he said in a voice whose gravity fitted the serious question under discussion.

"Owen, does your wife bicycle? And, if so, has she ever broken a leg?"

"My wife bicycle?" repeated Aristotle in a voice of thunder, which, however, sank into desponding gentleness. "Not to my knowledge. And I am sure she has never broken any bones. But why this question?"

"It is unfortunate she has not," said Blatant, "for even in the radiograph I could detect a fracture of the bone."

"Stay!" cried Owen excitedly. "Jack Golightly broke his right leg near the knee while hunting last year. Look at

those legs by the sofa. Has one of them been broken?"

Blatant examined the skeleton shadow closely, then shook his head, discouraged.

"The left knee is crossed over the right, and I cannot see the under bones distinctly enough to ascertain a fracture."

"Look at the legs by the piano!" cried Owen again eagerly.

"Useless, my friend. The left leg is in the same line of focus as the right. Again I cannot discriminate between the separate bones."

Aristotle buried his face in his hands and sat long in painful thought. At last he raised his head and cried like one demented.

"Her rings! Look at the left hands of the female skeletons!"

Blatant shook his head.

"It is no good. Those male skeletons have completely frustrated your design. See, that one standing up has laid his big bones over the smaller ones, and the two seated skeletons have their hands clasped. There is the appearance of a metal object, but I think it is on the bigger bones."

He looked up and met his friend's troubled, anxious eyes with undisguised amusement in his own, and, trying hard to repress the laughter which shook him, he said:

"It is no use this time, Aristotle. You must try again. The experiment was ingenious and interesting, but not convincing. You must insist on your wife wearing a metal anklet or cestus, or some other distinctive ornament. Then repeat this experiment. But I am afraid it is hardly to be expected that the conditions will be as favorable or the results as scientifically satisfactory.—London Truth.

Millet's Wife.

The immediate cause of Millet's ceasing to be a painter of the nude, which sold more or less and kept his family from starvation, was a conversation which he overheard in Paris. But the support in this crisis of his life—which sent him to Barbizon—and during the ghastly privations of the next 25 years came from his wife, a peasant of Normandy like himself. The anecdote of the wife's cheerful decision on the eventful night in Paris has a prominent place in Mrs. Henry Ady's book on Millet.

Millet had lavished all his skill on the modeling of Hagar's form and intended the whole to be a striking study of the nude. Suddenly, when the picture was almost finished, he changed his mind and stopped short.

For one evening as he stood before the lighted window of Deferge's shop he happened to see two young men looking at one of his own pastels, a drawing of a woman bathing, which he had lately sold. One youth asked the other who had painted this picture. His companion replied, "A man named Millet, who never paints anything but naked women."

The words were a shock. His friends had often admired his nude figures and praised his skill in flesh painting. But never until that moment had he realized that his reputation as an artist depended on this kind of work. He went home that evening and said to his wife:

"If you consent, I will paint no more of these. Life will be harder than ever, and you will suffer, but I shall be free and able to do what I have long dreamed of."

The brave woman replied: "I am ready. Do as you will."

The Pneumatic Tire.

In a paper presented lately by A. J. Michelin to the French Society of Civil Engineers the author gives a suggestive account of his experiments with the pneumatic tire and the ordinary wheels. The first experiment was made on three days—that is, when the ground was covered with two inches of snow, also when the snow was melting and then when the ground was muddy. The results showed that when the empty carriage moved at a walk through the snow, the draft or pull required to move it was 35.9 pounds with iron wheels and only 25.2 pounds with pneumatic wheels. While moving at a trot with a load of 660 pounds, the pull was 68.6 pounds and 39.5 pounds respectively. In the mud, under the same conditions of load and speed, the pulls were 35.2 and 50.7 pounds for the iron wheel and 23.1 and 21.2 pounds for the pneumatic tire. Other tests consisted of pulls of varying speeds over macadam, paved and ordinary roads, in all of these the pneumatic tire showing a saving in pulling power of from 30 to nearly 50 per cent. The main feature of interest in Michelin's experiments consisted, of course, in the fact that the actual amount of power required to pull a carriage equipped with pneumatic tires was so much less than when ordinary wheels were used.

Greatest Department Store in the World.

The department store idea is by no means a new one, nor has it reached in this country its highest development. The great establishment in Paris, still pre-eminent of its kind, started in the smallest way in 1852, today transacts a total business of \$30,000,000, or more than twice that of any American retail establishment. The greatest advance has been made since it has become strictly co-operative. Not a franc's worth of its stock is held outside of the people in the store, and the leadership of the business is invested in three persons selected from the heads of departments by the vote of the employees—i. e., shareholders—through an election held every three years.—Samuel Hopkins Adams in Scribner's.

Didn't Mean It.

"Henry," said she, "wake up. I believe there is a man in the house."

"Well, what if there is?" said Henry sleepily. "If there were a woman in the house, do you suppose I would go to the trouble of waking you up and telling you about it?"

By this time Henry was awake and explaining.—Pearson's Weekly.

REAL RAZORBACKS.

A HOMEY AND FEROCIOUS HOG ON HIS NATIVE HEATH.

He Does Not Resemble His Fampored Brother of the Berkshire Breed—His Existence Measured by the Rule of "Root, Hog, or Die"—Hog Killing Parties.

There is a great difference in hogs. The form, contour and face of the rounded, sleek sided, short legged Berkshire and other hogs of high degree do not much resemble the angular, razor backed hog common throughout the south. The countenance of the well bred, well cared for species is chubby and contented looking, the ears small, the snout inclined to turn up rather than down. His less fortunate cousin has a long, narrow face, immense, flopping ears that hang disconsolately over his eyes, and an elongated, pointed snout that seems providentially formed to aid his earthy explorations. "Root, hog, or die," is a common saying in the country of which this hog is a native, and the swine seem to realize the situation. They have long legs and always run with their snouts close to the ground, convenient for unearthing anything eatable which may come in their way. They diligently root up the promising morsel of food and gulp it down, without stopping to enjoy it, and run on apparently faster than ever, grunting as they go, in search of something more—some favorite acorn or juicy bit of grass or berry root, upon which they largely depend for subsistence.

Naturally the vast amount of imperative exercise they take ranging through the woods effectually prevents their taking on much superfluous flesh, and the hair on their narrow backs is as rough and coarse as that of the well bred hog is smooth and glossy. The majority of them are of a dingy white color, perhaps spotted with black, and when a white coated one, scantily covered with hair, has pale eyes, bound around with pink, and very light eyelashes, protruding beneath his drooping ears, he is as ugly a living object as can be imagined.

The little pigs are moderately pretty when young, but not in the least like the plump, little, chubby faced baby Berkshire, and long before they have arrived at the age when they are called "shots" they have become ungainly and common looking. The negroes have great faith in the ability of the hog to survive any amount of neglect and still live to provide sausages and pork stew for the winter season. At certain seasons, when the "shots" can do no damage to the maturing crops, it is necessary to confine them until the fields are bare once more and will admit of their ranging at will.

In the course of a walk once, a small negro boy and girl were found seated on top of the fence which surrounded a pen, flinging corn to two hogs within the inclosure. The rude feeding trough was as dry as if no liquid had ever dampened it, and this on a hot summer afternoon. Inquiry as to when the prisoners had last had water given them elicited no response from the shy little "shote minders." After some inquiry and explanation that the pigs would like water the boy consented to go to the house, some distance off, for a bucket, after bringing which the children went to the spring, in a little hollow in the woods behind the pen, and procured water for the thirsty creatures. It is needless to say that they drank it with avidity. This pen was in an open field, with not a single bit of shade near. It had belonged to an humble establishment, the house and barn of which had been moved to some other tract of land, and the owner of the hogs had utilized the pen just where it was, the distance from his dwelling, which was plentifully supplied with well water, rendering it most inconvenient to attend to the wants of the animals.

The pen could easily have been moved, as the fence around it was made of movable rails placed zigzag fashion on purpose that it might be changed from place to place, but evidently the comfort of the "shots" was not regarded as of much importance. Later, a small, slim figure, in a scant, homespun dress, faded and torn, suddenly emerged from a narrow path which opened upon the road, and a childish voice said timidly, "Do you want some headache blossom, ma'am?" a little black hand holding out a bunch of delicate pink flowers, with perfume more powerful than sweet. The acceptance of this offering seemed to thaw out her reserve, and the little girl volunteered the information that she and Yankee, her brother, "aimed to dash water to de hog ebery ebenin."

In the days of the old regime the crops were all fenced in, and the hogs, and cattle as well, were allowed to roam at will through the fastnesses of the swamps and timbered tracts. Oftentimes the animals were not seen for months. When the time drew near for hog killing, parties were made up to "drive" the swamp and capture the half wild creatures, as it was desired to fatten them in pens before killing. It was not infrequently the case that the swine became quite ferocious, having been left so long at large, and the hunters found themselves in the midst of a "wild boar" hunt in earnest, which they hugely enjoyed. Most of the farmers of the southern states now leave their crops unfenced, and the stock has to be pastured or looked after, which practice has put an end to such pursuits.—New York Tribune.

Hard Wood.

According to a recent legal decision reported in The Timberman, hard wood is "any tree that has a leaf as distinguished from a needle." A man contracted to deliver to a railroad hard wood cordwood, and he delivered a poplar in part fulfillment of the contract. The railroad rejected this as not hard wood and sued, but the contractor won the case on the decision of the court, as reported above. Women will now have a distinct and lawful standard to gauge their hard wood furniture descriptions.

stands at the Head.

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CHICAGO & NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAY
EAST BOUND WEST BOUND
A. O. Ex. 3:26 a.m. A. Pac. Ex. 1:25 a.m. A.
O. V. Ex. 4:50 a.m. A. O. V. Ex. 8:32 p.m. A.
O. H. Ex. 6:50 a.m. A. O. H. Ex. 11:54 p.m. A.
O. S. Ex. 7:08 a.m. A. O. S. Ex. 11:54 p.m. A.
O. B. Ex. 11:06 a.m. A. O. B. Ex. 11:54 p.m. A.
O. D. Ex. 3:54 p.m. A. O. D. Ex. 11:54 p.m. A.
O. C. Ex. 11:54 p.m. A. O. C. Ex. 11:54 p.m. A.
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ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD.
SOUTH BOUND NORTH BOUND
Pana. Ps. 3:25 a.m. Dub. Ps. 5:43 a.m.
Thru. Ps. 3:37 a.m. Thru. Ps. 4:55 p.m.
B'n'g. Ps. 4:50 p.m. Local Ps. 11:55 p.m.
Freight. 11:46 a.m. Freight. 11:10 a.m.
* D. H. - Others daily except Sunday.
ANNA C. MEAD, Ticket Agent

WEATHER REPORT.

For the week commencing Feb. 7, '07.

	T. A. M.	2 A. M.	9 P. M.	Max	Min	Preced
Sun.	26	32	39	32	26	T
Mon.	27	30	35	30	25	T
Tues.	23	29	25	29	23	T
Wed.	25	37	—	—	—	T
Thurs.	—	—	—	—	—	T
Fri.	—	—	—	—	—	T
Sat.	—	—	—	—	—	T

THE WEATHER.

The following is the weather forecast telegraphed us at 9:35 o'clock a. m. today from the government observatory at Chicago:

Snow and colder this afternoon and tonight. Thursday partly cloudy and continued cold.

JOS. STERN,
Opera House Block.
Successor to STERN BROS.

House Keeping Linens.

The best goods only for the least money you will find here, it is a treat to see the many bargains that greet your eyes everywhere.

All Linen Huck Towels.

extra large size, hemmed and ready to use, at 15c each.

All linen checked and plaid glass Towels, fringed, at 4c each.

Large size bleached Turkish Bath Towels, 2 for 25c.

64 inch wide Cream all linen Table Cloth, extra heavy and fine quality at 40c a yard, easily worth 50c.

66 inch wide all linen damask, splendid quality and finish, at 50c a yard.

Bleached all linen 2 size Napkins from \$1.00 a dozen up.

Sheets and Pillow Cases!

Ready to use, at prices lower than you ever bought them before, and fully as cheap as what the muslin by the yard would cost.

24x24 Bleached or unbleached Sheets splendid quality, soft finish muslin. at only 39c each.

24x24 Hemstitched Sheets, fine quality bleached muslin, at 48c each.

Bleached Pillow Cases, good quality muslin size 45x36, at only 10c and 8c each.

Hemstitched Pillow Cases at 15 cents each.

Special

Sale

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Ladies'

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Next

Ten

Days at

Haley & Drews.

—C. H. Wooster is up from Amboy.

—William Stare is up from Mendota.

—Mert Carpenter and B. Flinn were up from Sterling.

—T. J. Hyde is able to be out again after an acute attack of pleurisy.

—J. T. Walcott is up from Marion to see his brother who is very ill at the hospital.

—Chris Crotty, who has been visiting William Flanagan, left today for Belle Plain, Iowa.

—Miss Bessie Atwood, who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. E. A. Patrick, several weeks, returned home to Chicago today.

—Among the arrivals at the Hotel Bishop is Dr. F. Franks, the celebrated optician, who will remain in Dixon for a short time.

—Henry Eisner, a cutter at the shoe factory, broke through the ice on the river yesterday and had a narrow escape from drowning.

—Phrenologist R. J. Black has examined, so he says, two hundred and eight heads in this city and now he leaves us to work out our own salvation.

—Messrs. F. W. Boltz, W. W. Winton, Lee Campbell and Mr. Rising, all railroad officials of Chicago, are here today to attend the Harry Dimick funeral.

—Mrs. Henry T. Noble and Mr. and Mrs. William James McAlpine will entertain friends with cards at the home of Mrs. Noble on Wednesday evening, February 17th.

—Our citizen Patrick J. Callaghan, who died yesterday at a hospital in New Orleans, was injured on the railroad December 30. He was a brakeman on the Illinois Central.

Jas. B. Mackies' Cellar Door Co. at the Opera House Tuesday, Feb. 16, for real Hot Fun is a world beater.

—Some four thousand people find employment by the starting of the Carnegie works, and the company has more orders than they can fill. As the months roll by times will improve.

—The Catholic Ladies will entertain with progressive cinch Thursday evening, February 11th, at the Y. M. temperance hall; the proceeds to be used in the furnishing of their room at the hospital.

—Mathew Tschirgi, jr., is here from Dubuque in the interest of the contractors for the street paving. Having been a classmate at Ann Arbor of our citizen, Hon. S. H. Bethea, these two gentlemen are enjoying a reunion.

—A. J. Gage was taken quite seriously ill on Monday night. In endeavoring to light a lamp with which to find something to relieve himself, he fainted away, and in falling, his head struck the door casing, cutting a bad wound over the right eye.

—The Ladies of the Maccabees were going to entertain the Knights of the Maccabees with an oyster supper next Tuesday evening but have now planned to give the supper on Monday evening February 22. The Ladies will hold their regular meeting next Tuesday evening.

—The young ladies who enjoy roller skating need not be afraid of the greased pig at Rosbrook's rink tonight, as the animal will be placed in a pen 24x44 feet and therein raced after. The audience outside of this pen may enjoy the sport without being chased themselves.

—The advertisement for bids on the work of paving the streets has brought to this city today agents from contracting firms from Springfield, Rockford, Streator, Galesburg, Chicago, Elkhart, Ind., Davenport, Dubuque, Clinton, LaSalle; some fifteen in all. Their bids will be opened by the city council at its session Friday evening.

—The letter from our special correspondent from Springfield, John Howard Todd, this week is largely taken up with the matter of re-districting the state, which is at present engaging the attention of the general assembly. The law sprung upon the legislature some years ago (under the name of patriotism, but for the sole benefit of the manufacturers of bunting) compelling the floating of the national colors from all school houses and public buildings in the state, at an annual expense of \$150,000, comes in for a share of consideration.

Her Sixteenth Birthday.

Miss Margaret, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Huguet, on Monday celebrated her sixteenth birthday, and in the evening some thirty-six of her young friends surprised her at her home. Music, cards and refreshments filled in a jolly evening.

Muzzled.

He (telling a hairbreadth adventure) —And in the bright moonlight we could see the dark muzzles of the wolves.

She (breathlessly)—Oh, how glad you must have been that they had the muzzles on!—Pearson's Weekly.

HE MADE A MISTAKE.

And Didn't Mend Matters a Bit When He Discovered It.

The fine looking young man who was shown into the parlor was a new one to the old gentleman, who had lived in a state of anxiety for years lest some one would marry his charming daughter for her money. All young men were under suspicion with him, and he was particularly formal with those of fine appearance. The caller intended to observe the proprieties by introducing himself, but the host said in his stiffest business tones:

"What can I do for you, sir?"

"I came to tell you, sir, that I have asked your daughter."

"Just as I expected," was snorted back. "It's pretty tough when a man of affairs at my time of life has to put in half his time telling young whippersnappers that they can't have that girl of mine. There is the most mercenary lot of men just coming into active life that I have ever seen. I'd better give my fortune to some charitable institution. You can't have her."

"Perhaps if I should explain?"

"There's nothing to explain. I've heard it all more times than I have hairs on my head. Of course you love her. You can't live without her. You have no money, but you're educated, possess a brave heart and will shield her from all trouble. You will!"

"Just to shield you from a little present embarrassment I will inform you that I'm not in the least in love with your daughter."

"What in thunder did you propose to her for, then? Have you the unmitigated gall to come in here and tell me that you want my daughter when you're not in love with her and not expect to get kicked out? Why, you?"

"Break away, papa!" laughed the vision of loveliness who hurried into the room. "This is the gentleman visiting at Mrs. Winton's, and he is arranging her private theatricals for her. He has asked me to take a part, and I referred him to you."

The old gentleman glared hopelessly for a full minute and in his confusion said brokenly:

"Take her, my son, take her."—Detroit Free Press.

FOOD IN THE ARCTIC.

Birds Fly No Difficulty Finding It In the Snow.

The number of birds that go to the arctic regions to breed is "vast beyond conception." They go not by thousands, but by millions, to rear their young on the tundra. The cause which attracts them is because nowhere in the world does nature provide at the same time and in the same place "such a lavish prodigality of food." That the barren swamp of the tundra should yield a food supply so great as to tempt birds to make journeys of thousands of miles to rear their young in a land of plenty, only to be found beyond the arctic circle, seems incredible. The vegetation consists of cranberry, cloudberry and crowberry bushes. Forced by the perpetual sunshine of the arctic summer these bear enormous crops of fruit. But the crop is not ripe until the middle and end of the arctic summer, and if the fruit eating birds had to wait until it was ripe they would starve, for they arrive on the very day of the melting of the snow. But each year the snow descends on its immense crop of ripe fruit before the birds have time to gather it. It is then preserved beneath the snow, perfectly fresh and pure, and the melting of the snow discloses the bushes with the unconsumed last year's crop hanging on them or lying, ready to be eaten, on the ground. The frozen meal stretches across the breadth of Asia. It never decays and is accessible the moment the snow melts. Ages have taught the birds that they have only to fly to the arctic circle to find such a store of "crystallized foods" as will last them till the bushes are once more forced into bearing by the perpetual sunlight. The same heat which frees the fruit brings into being the most prolific insect life in the world. The mosquito swarms on the tundra. No European can live there without a veil after the snow melts. The gun barrels are black with them, and the cloud often obscures the sight. Thus the insect eating birds have only to open their mouths to fill them with mosquitoes, and the presence of swarms of tender warblers, of cliff chaffs, pipits and wagtails in this arctic region is accounted for.—New York Evangelist.

Could Be Reached Still.

"Did you catch a glimpse of the footpad?" asked the policeman who was stooping over the insensible victim and examining his injuries.

"Yes," answered the man whose timely arrival had scared the murderous villain away. "He was a tough looking fellow, a little taller than I am and wore chin whiskers."

The prostrate man shuddered, gasped and moved his lips. Consciousness was returning.

"Strictly speaking," the policeman heard him mutter feebly, "there is no such thing as chin whiskers. Whiskers grow on the cheeks. He wore a chin beard."

Then the Boston man became unconscious again.—Chicago Tribune.

To Fit the Crime.

"You don't look like a hard citizen, but you plead guilty to the charge of being found by a gambling resort. I ought to inflict a fine of at least \$5!"

"But, your honor, I was intoxicated, or I wouldn't have!"

"Drunk, too, were you? The fine will be \$10 and costs. Call the next case."—Chicago Tribune.

The woman tennis champion of New Zealand has but one hand, and that is the left one, but she can serve a ball that is exceedingly difficult to return.

Ray declares that the seed of a single spleenwort will number at least 1,000,000.

Amusement, Business and Local Items

Jones' Roller Rink will be opened tonight for beginners. 79tf

You will be delighted, thrilled and mystified by attending and seeing And hearing the Magniscope and Phonograph. Friday and Saturday Evenings at the Opera House.

Erastus Courtright would impress upon taxpayers the necessity of prompt attention. Don't leave the settlement of your personal property tax till the last minute, but come at once to Frank Cortright's grocery store, East First street, where the books are and while you can receive prompt attention. 61tf

Grimes' Cellar Door Co., Grimes' Cellar Door Co., Opera House, Feb. 16.

Go to Charles Eastman's for cut flowers. 44tf.

A. I. Gage is now running hacks to all trains, or any part of the city. Day calls leave at Parker's Drug Store, telephone 45; night calls at Hotel Bishop, Telephone 135. 26tf

Hacks to trains or to any part of the city. Leave orders at L. E. Edwards store, Galena avenue; evenings or Sundays at the Nachusa House; or telephone to stable on third street at any time. Telephone No. 133. 14tf

W. C. B. Sheldon, the O. K. Barber, now has a fine new shop in the new Weigle Building on Galena avenue, upstairs. 6t2&74t12

Soft coal that burns as clear as wood is nice, and Pitcher is the only one in Dixon who sells it. It is the Assumption.

TO THE LADIES OF DIXON.

French Tailor seystem thoroughly understood. I am prepared to cut and make latest styles dresses and all garments. Work guaranteed. Will be pleased to have you give me a call. MRS. IDA WAGGONER, Dixon, Ill., 17 1st street, upstairs. 79t24

THE HUB CIGAR

A fresh 10-cent cigar for 5 cents at J. R. Pollock's, 103 Galena Ave. 94tf

LOST.

BETWEEN 310 West Second street and the Cook School House a pair of gold rimmed glasses in case. Finder please return to 310 West Second street or this office and receive reward. 61t1&77t3.

WANTED.

A GOOD local representative either lady or gent. to represent a leading Chicago house in Art and Literature. Small salary guaranteed. Address M. M. this office. 79t3*

TWO Girls for dining room work, at Hotel De Les Rochelle, Ill. For particulars inquire Hotel Bishop. 78tf

ONE Hundred Dollars, for one year or six months, at seven per cent interest, will pay extra 3 if necessary. Good security given. Address "E". Care of this office. 78t6

FIRST Class rooms and board reasonable, at 371 South Galena avenue. 72tf

TO Exchange Furniture for a Bicycle. A. NORTHBURG, Star Restaurant. 71tf

FOR RENT.

BRICK HOUSE and good Barn, corner of East Chamberlin and N. Ottawa Avenue, North Dixon for rent cheap. Enquire of Attorneys S. H. BETHEA, or J. W. WATTS. 48tf

7 ROOM House in Riverview, at \$10 per month. Inquire at Justice E. B. BAKER's office. 38tf

SCHULER HALL. No more convenient nor better appointed hall for society use in the city. Rent cheap. DIXON & BETHEA. 35tf

FOR SALE.

CHEAP. At Loveland Place, a neat 5 room cottage, in good repair, large lot, sidewalks, shade trees, good well. Will accept long time monthly payments. LOVELAND & STEELEY. 77tf

A LARGE Seven room House on West 1st street, at \$1,850, worth \$2,250. LOVELAND & STEELEY. 77tf

UPRIGHT PIANO. Enquire at 461 College Avenue. (76t6) MRS. WINNIE PRY.

TIMOTHY HAY—35 tons. Leave word at Courtright's grocery store, or call on or address, Ephraim Horner, Dixon, Ill. 750*

4 PUG PUPS, 7 weeks old. Inquire at this office.

30 TON Baled Oak Straw. Will sell on the place by ball or ton. W. D. DREW, near Milk Factory. 72tf

NINE Large Bearing English Walnut Trees on three lots in Anaheim, California. Desirable for a home. Inquire of Dr. H. E. GARRISON. 59t24

HOUSE and lot in North Dixon for sale at a bargain. Call on J. F. SANFORD. 51tf

\$3,500 property in North Dixon for \$2,500 if taken at once. Call on or address C. B. MORRISON. 24tf

ANNOUNCEMENT.

THROUGH the solicitation of friends, I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Town Collector. Not THEODORE MOELLER.

THROUGH the solicitations of my many friends I have been asked to present myself as a candidate for the office of Highway Commissioner for the Township of Dixon. I hereby announce myself for that office and solicit the support of the voters of Dixon. Not JOHN H. HOWELL.

MICHAEL GAFFNEY hereby announces himself a candidate for the office of Alderman from the First Ward in the City of Dixon at the coming spring election. Not

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Highway Commissioner and ask the vote of my friends at the Spring election. Respectfully, ERNEST WERNICK. Not

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Alderman for the First Ward in the City of Dixon at the coming spring election. PHILIP MILLER. Not

I announce myself as a candidate for the office of Tax Collector of the town of Dixon at the coming spring election; and will be grateful for the suffrages of my friends. Not JOSEPH RUELAND.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of collector of the town of Dixon at the coming spring election. A. E. PHILLIPS. Not

EMUEL MULKINS will be a candidate for Town Collector at the coming spring election and solicits the support of his friends. Not

A Special Sale of

Granite Ware ! Granite Ware !

Prices very near as low as tin-ware. Every piece warranted strictly number one.

Basting Spoons.....	5c	Tea Kettles 7.....	68c
Large cup.....	8c	Tea Kettles 8.....	79c
Dipper.....	14c	Wash Dish.....	18c
Water Pail.....	50c	Extra Large Rice Boiler.....	73c
Pie Tins.....	8c	Pudding Pans 1 qt.....	12c
Jelly Tins.....	10c	Pudding Pans 2 qt.....	18c
Large Fry Pan.....	30c	Pudding Pans 3 qt.....	20c
Cullenders.....	23c	Pudding Pans 4 qt.....	23c
Dish Pans 10 qt.....	44c	Pudding Pans 6 qt.....	29c
Dish Pans 14 qt.....	59c	Milk Pans 1 qt.....	10c
Dish Pans 17 qt.....	69c	Preserve Kettles 2 1/2 qt.....	19c
Large Salt Box.....	35c	Preserve Kettles 4 qt.....	23c
Soup Ladle.....	10c	Preserve Kettles 5 qt.....	25c
Sauce Pans 3 pint.....	17c		
Sauce Pans 5 pint.....	19c		

Prices on larger sizes of the above in proportion.

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15 First Street, Dixon, Ill.

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400 New Fall and Winter Samples for Custom-made Clothing at C. A. Todd's.

All Wool heavy-weight Suits (trimmings guaranteed).....\$12.00
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